

Pike Fold Primary School

School Uniform Policy



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Policy Statement

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe that certain school activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing (including organised events outside normal school hours).

School uniform can be purchased from school via our in house uniform shop or online via school spider. School uniform can also be purchased direct with our suppliers, School Trends. Uniform purchase direct from the school online or in house, is subsidised by the school.

Every term we will hold a uniform swap shop, parents can exchange school uniform with good quality pre-loved uniform. Any new parents/children will be offered the option of pre loved uniform upon registering. If any parents require family support to purchase uniform our Early help lead in school will support where possible.

The correct school uniform will be provided to children who attend in non-uniform clothing.

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children within the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money

All children (Nursery – Year 6) need: (as stated in the school prospectus)

- Blue Pike Fold crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan with/without Logo (branded items available from school or school trends, non-branded available in a range of supermarkets and other outlets.)
- Gold Pike Fold polo t-shirt with/without Logo (branded items available from school or school trends, non-branded available in a range of supermarkets and other outlets.)

- Black school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress (Leggings are **NOT** permitted school uniform). Pupils in Nursery and Reception **ONLY** may wear black tracksuit bottoms. This is not permitted in the rest of the school. Denim may not be worn.
- White/grey/black socks with black flat sensible school shoes **NOT** boots (shoes/trainers are to be plain with no bright colours, plain black trainers are the preferred footwear enabling children to access the equipment outside). Children may be asked to change footwear if they persistently wear bright coloured trainers. Open toe shoes are not permitted. Socks/tights must be worn. Children in Nursery and reception must **NOT** wear shoes that require laces.
- Blue book bag (*not essential*)
- In warmer weather summer dresses may be worn. Blue or yellow gingham dress. Black school shorts may also be worn.
- For health and safety reasons, children with shoulder length hair should wear it tied or clipped back for school. Hair accessories should be discreet and in school colours (Blue, yellow or black). Children will be asked to remove hair accessories if not school colours or are too big! Any hair extensions must be of a natural colour. However we do not recommend hair extensions as they can be a safety risk.

Sun-safety

All children should bring a named sun-hat to school during warmer weather and 30+ factor sun cream. Please refer to our Sun Protection Policy.

For PE all children (Nursery – Year 6) need:

- PLAIN white crew neck T-shirt
- PLAIN black PE shorts (not branded)
- Pumps/trainers
- Gym bag to keep these in at school.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms maybe worn in colder weather if required. Leggings are not permitted.
- Children in year 4 will also need a full swimming costume/trunks and a towel for swimming and a swimming hat. Beach shorts and bikinis are not permitted by the pool staff.
- No Jewellery is permitted during PE. All religious Jewellery must be secured

PE Kit should be worn for After School sporting clubs. **All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand names.** It is essential that all children have a PE kit.

Jewellery and Headwear

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small studs and watches). We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons. If it is for religious reasons plain black/blue headscarves can be worn. Hair below shoulder length **must** be tied back again for health and safety reasons. Hair accessories must coincide with the school colours and

be small in size. Children will be asked to remove large non uniform coloured bows etc. School will provide suitable hair bobbles if needed.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items. The schools lost property stand will be cleared and sent to charity half termly.

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform and provide them with the correct uniform

Role of the Head teacher

- The Head teacher is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Head teacher/SLT will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- The head teacher will provide uniform to pupils who arrive at school in non- uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.
- Support the school with the wearing of uniform for all pupils.

Equalities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Pike Fold Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Pike Fold will allow for certain adaptations to this policy if required for pupils with protected characteristics. If you would like to make a request for an adaptation please contact our Head Teacher, Mrs Farnell-Hill at admin@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk.