



PROSPECT VALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prospect Vale Primary School School Uniform Policy

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Statement of Intent

Prospect Vale Primary School believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, and is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

We believe that pupils learn the most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the following

- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Education Act 2011
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018

This policy has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following

- DfE (2021) 'Cost of school uniforms'
- DfE (2021) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2021) 'School Uniforms'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies

- Complaints Policy
- Behaviour Policy

Roles and Responsibility

The governing board is responsible for:

- Establishing, in consultation with the Headteacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and inclusive, and does not disadvantage any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics or socio-economic status.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's is accessible and affordable
- Demonstrating how best value for money has been achieved in the uniform policy.
- Ensuring compliance with the DfE's [cost of school uniforms](#) guidance.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's school uniform on a day-to-day basis
- Ensuring that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of this policy
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing board.
- Providing appropriate exemptions for example if due to injury the pupil is unable to wear uniform.

Staff Members are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g. school identity

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the appropriately sized school uniform as detailed in the policy
- Informing the Headteacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why.
- Ensuring their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the Headteacher has granted an exemption
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community

Cost Principles

The school is committed to ensuring that its school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents.

In accordance with the 'School Admissions Code', the Headteacher will ensure that the school's uniform policy does not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child.

The school will assess the overall cost implications of its uniform policy regularly, including prior to making any changes to the school uniform. When evaluating whether costs are reasonable and proportionate, the school will consider the opinions and situations of:

- Economically disadvantaged parents
- Parents with multiple children who are, or will be in the future, pupils at the school.
- Parents of younger children, as they are likely to grow and require new sets of uniform more frequently.
- Parents of pupils with protected characteristics that may impact their ability to access the uniform due to costs.
- LAC and PLAC

The school will evaluate the cost of its uniform based on the overall collection of uniform items that parents would need to purchase for a pupil, rather than on the cost effectiveness of individual items; this will include

consideration of the fact that parents will need to purchase multiple of certain items, e.g. shirts and socks, to ensure their child can come to school in clean uniform every day.

The school keeps variations in school uniform for different groups of pupils e.g. year group-specific items, to a minimum where possible to ensure that pupils can get the most wear out of their uniform possible and that parents can pass some items down to younger siblings.

The school keeps branded uniform items to a minimal level that is reasonable for all members of the school community. The school defines a branded uniform item as any item of clothing that cannot be purchased at a range of retailers, including by virtue of logos, colours, design and fabrics. Where the school decides to require an item of branded clothing, it will conduct an assessment to ensure prices are kept as low as possible. The school does not require children to wear logo items but asks that children wear the uniform colour for sweat tops which are readily available from all high street stores.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school will not amend uniform requirements regularly and will take the views of parents and pupils into account when considering any changes to uniforms.

Equality principles

The school takes its legal obligation to avoid discriminating against any protected characteristics unlawfully very seriously, and aims to ensure that the uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all pupils are supported to access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs, and reflects who they are.

The school will work to ensure that school uniform's costs does not disproportionately affect any pupils by ensuring that uniforms for all genders are as equal in price as possible any by adhering to the cost principles laid out in section 3.

The school will ensure that parents and pupils are consulted over any changes to school uniform, and that views and advice is sought specifically from pupils, and parents of pupils who:

- Are transgender, including non-binary pupils.
- Have SEND and/or sensory needs
- Are of a religious or cultural background that has dress requirements.

The school implements a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that pupils are not required to wear specific items based on their gender, and may wear any of the uniform items listed in the 'School Uniform' section of this policy regardless of the legal sex recorded on the school's records. Transgender

pupils are supported to access the uniform that best reflects their gender expression.

The school ensures that pupils who are required to follow certain dress requirements, e.g. by virtue of their membership of a particular religious or cultural group, are afforded flexibility to allow them to wear a uniform that adheres to their requirements as far as possible. The school endeavours to meet all requests for amendments to the uniform for these purposes; however, we will ensure that the needs and rights of individual pupils are weighed against any health and safety concerns for the entire school community.

Parents' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Headteacher and governing board, and always in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedure Policy.

The school ensures that the needs of pupils with SEND and/or sensory difficulties are considered in the uniform policy, e.g. ensuring soft, stretchy fabrics and avoiding intricate buttons or hard seams; however, where the needs of those pupils cannot be met with standard uniform policy, individual adaptations to the uniform will be considered and permitted where possible.

Complaints and challenges

The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures.

To make a complaint, parents should refer to the Complaints procedures and follow the stipulations outlined.

When a complaint is received, the school works with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

School Uniform Supplier

At Prospect Vale we do not require any of the uniform that pupils wear to bear the school logo, so uniform can be purchased from a range of stores and supermarkets.

Our current school uniform supplier for branded items of uniform with the school logo is:

- Debonair
- 2b Hale Top, Civic Centre, Wythenshawe, M22 5RN
- 0161 498 0200

Uniform Assistance

We recognise that the cost of school uniform can present a financial challenge and the school is fully committed to doing all we can to support vulnerable families with these expenses. If you are experiencing financial hardship and require assistance securing a uniform for your child, please contact the Stockport Resident Advice & Support Team on 0161 474 2140. Their staff will discuss your situation in confidence and can make a direct referral to the Re-Loved uniform bank on your behalf to help provide the items you need.

Non-Compliance

A discussion with parents regarding any breaches in uniform will take place at the appropriate level e.g. class teacher/parent, Headteacher/parent. School will seek to understand reasons for on uniform and where appropriate make adaptations/provide support.

School Uniform

School Colours

Our school colours are as follows

- Green Jumper
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Black school shoes

Purple Jumper for Year 6 students - 2026-27 Academic Year

Item	Optional or Required	Branding	How to acquire	Approximate Cost per item from school supplier
Regular School Uniform				
Green Sweatshirt or Cardigan	Required	School logo on left hand side (logo is optional)	From any uniform or high street store/supermarket Branded sweatshirt and cardigans available from school supplier	£5 - £10 £14 - £18
White Polo Shirt	Required	No branding	From any uniform or high street store/supermarket or school supplier	£2.50 - £6 £7 - £12
Grey Trousers or Skirt	Required	No branding	From any uniform or high street store/supermarket or school supplier	£6-£10

All black leather or leather look fully black soles/logos with secure fastening	Required	No branding	From any high street store/supermarket	N/A
Book Bag Reception – Year2	Required	No branding	From any high street store/supermarket	£6-10
PE KIT - Summer				
White T-Shirt	Required	No branding	From any uniform or high street store/supermarket or school supplier	£2-£5
Plain Black Shorts	Required	No branding	From any uniform or high street store/supermarket or school supplier	£3-£5
Trainers	Required	N/A	From any uniform or high street store/supermarket or school supplier	N/A
PE KIT - Winter				
Black Jogging Pants	Required	No branding	From any high street store/supermarket	£4-£8
Black Hoodie	Required	No branding	From any high street store/supermarket	£5-£10

Fabric mesh trainers, coloured logos, slip on ballet flats, Ugg style boots, crocs, flip flops, high heels and open toe shoes are not permitted.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child brings their PE kit to school when needed.

Jewellery

Permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are permitted
- A sensible wrist watch, no smart or watches that can access online material.

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons such as PE.

School Bag – Year 3 to Year 6

Pupils must use a small rucksack to carry their belongings to and from school.

School bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted

The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be responsible for lost or damaged bags.

Hairstyles

The school reserves the right to make a judgement on where pupils' hairstyles or hair colours are inappropriate for the school environment; however, we will ensure that any such judgements do not discriminate against any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics. Each individual pupil's scenario will be considered where any judgements on appropriateness are to be made, and parents will always have the freedom to complain via the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. during PE.

Makeup

Children should not wear make-up in school

Adverse Weather

All pupils are required to wear weather appropriate clothing that covers as much of their skin as possible during adverse weather.

For hot temperatures, this includes wearing:

- Loose fitting and lightweight shirts and green gingham dresses with sleeves and collars or covered necklines
- Over the knee skirts, shorts or trousers.
- Tops that cover the shoulder area.
- Plain white or grey socks
- Sunglasses with UV protection when outside, where possible
- Sun hat

Pupils are advised not to wear any jumpers or hoodies during a heatwave. If outside during break times, pupils are advised to wear sunscreen and a sunhat at all times.

For cold temperatures, this includes wearing:

- Scarfs, gloves, coats and hats when they are outside
- Warm jumpers that conform to the school's uniform policy.
- Trousers, or grey/black thick tights with skirts.

Labelling

All pupils' clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name

Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property box in school.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed every two years by the chair of governors and the headteacher