



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

November 2025 (updated to fully comply with the DfE statutory guidance for September 2026)

Our Approach to School Uniform

At Ashdene Primary School, we believe that wearing a school uniform fosters a strong sense of identity, belonging and pride in our school community. At the same time, we are fully committed to ensuring that our uniform policy is affordable, inclusive and compliant with Department for Education (DfE) guidance.

We actively take steps to keep costs as low as possible and to make our uniform accessible to all families. We achieve this by:

- Allowing pupils to come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE days, reducing the need for additional uniform items and helping families manage costs more easily.
- Ensuring that the **only compulsory branded item** is the school tie for pupils in Years 3 to 6. All other items can be purchased as plain, non-logo versions from any retailer.
- Maintaining a **second-hand uniform scheme**, available through our partnership with *Uniformerly*.
- Considering requests for variations to the uniform sympathetically and in line with equality legislation, ensuring that no pupil is disadvantaged because of religion, belief, disability or other protected characteristics. Our school uniform is not gender specific. All items listed in this policy may be worn by any pupil.
- Regularly reviewing our uniform policy, to ensure it remains fair, affordable and fully compliant with the latest DfE requirements.

Reception and Key Stage One Uniform (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Yellow polo shirt (plain or branded, plain version without logo acceptable)
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan (plain or branded, plain version without logo acceptable)
- Grey or white socks/tights
- **Black shoes** – not trainers
- Yellow gingham summer dress or play suit –in HT5, HT6, and HT1
- Ashdene book bag

Parents may choose to purchase plain (non-logo) versions of the items above from any high-street supplier

Key Stage Two Uniform (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

- White shirt (long or short sleeved)
- School tie (compulsory branded item)
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan (plain or branded, plain version without logo acceptable)
- Grey or white socks/tights
- **Black shoes** – not trainers
- Yellow gingham summer dress or play suit –in HT5, HT6, and HT1
- Small backpack or Ashdene book bag

Except for the school tie, parents may choose to purchase plain (non-logo) versions of the items above from any high-street supplier

PE Kit

PE kit should be worn to school on PE days.

- Navy blue mid-thigh sports shorts (*cycling shorts are not permitted*)
- Navy sports T-shirt (branded item optional)
- Navy performance ¾ zip top (branded item optional)
- Trainers

In colder weather:

- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms (*leggings are not permitted*)
- Navy performance ¾ zip top (branded item optional)

Important PE Reminders:

- Hair must be tied back
- No jewellery is to be worn (earrings must be removed)

Additional Guidance

- Hair accessories must be **navy blue or yellow** only
- Headwear worn for religious reasons must be **grey or navy blue**
- Skirts and dresses should be **knee length**
- In winter, **wellingtons or boots** may be worn to school, but must be changed for school shoes upon arrival

The following are not permitted:

- Extreme haircuts (e.g. shaved patterns, unnatural colours, Mohawks, tram lines). We ensure that hairstyles which are culturally or religiously significant are accommodated.
- Make-up or nail varnish
- Jewellery (exceptions include one pair of small gold or silver stud earrings, a small wristwatch, or discreet items of religious significance)

Branded Uniform

Branded uniform may be purchased from *Express Uniform Ltd.*
However, families are welcome to purchase non-branded / generic alternatives for items where the policy allows (see above). [Express Uniform Ltd.](#)

Equality and Accessibility

We recognise that there may be individual circumstances related to religion, belief, ethnicity, disability, or other special considerations. Reasonable requests to vary the uniform policy should be made in writing to the Headteacher and will be considered sympathetically.

Parental Support

We ask all parents to support the uniform policy and ensure that children attend school dressed appropriately and ready to learn. Uniform should be clean, tidy, and in good repair.

Adherence to Policy

- If families are experiencing financial hardship or have difficulty sourcing uniform items, they are encouraged to contact the school in confidence; the school offers support via our second-hand uniform scheme and other assistance.
- Pupils will not be penalised for inability to purchase non-mandatory branded items.
- Non-compliance with uniform will be addressed sensitively and in line with our behaviour policy. Any disciplinary responses will be proportionate and sensitive to individual circumstances.

Pre-loved Uniform

You can buy, sell and donate pre-loved uniform on the below marketplace. Families are encouraged to donate good quality outgrown uniform to the scheme to support affordability across the community.

[Uniformerly – Buy, Sell and Give Away outgrown school uniform to other parents at your school](#) 