



Hilltop First School and Foundation Stage

Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

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DFE statutory Guidance – Published on 19th November 2021

Hilltop First School is confident that our uniform policy with limited logoed items provides parents cost effective purchasing options.

We are very proud of our school uniform and pupils are reminded regularly that it identifies them as Hilltop pupils. Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform below:

2. Our School Uniform for Pupils in Reception upwards

Winter uniform:

- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with school logo
- Blue/black/grey socks or tights
- Optional navy blue school fleece

Winter accessories

- Children are expected to have a warm winter coat in school every day during the colder months
- Children may wear scarves, gloves and winter hats which must be stored in their school book bag during indoor lessons times
- Children in Nursery and Reception must have a pair of wellies in school

Summer uniform:

- Grey shorts/skirt
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Dark blue & white gingham dress
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with school logo
- Grey socks or white socks/tights
- Plain black school shoes
- Royal blue legionaries or bucket sun hat

Footwear

All pupils must wear black school shoes with buckles. Velcro straps or laces. For safety reasons shoes with heels or *ballerina style* pumps are not permitted. Pupils wearing shoelace shoes must be able to tie their laces independently. We discourage 'flashing' school shoes as these can be a distraction and can cause distress to some pupils. Black or navy blue leather sandals with covered toes and ankle straps may be worn during the warmer weather.

P.E. Kit:

Children wear their PE kit to school on days they have PE lessons. Parents will be informed of these days at the start of each half term.

- black shorts/jogging bottoms
- Royal blue T shirt with school logo
- Black/blue/grey socks
- Black trainers with no logos
- Optional black/blue/grey/white non-slip socks for indoor PE lessons

3. Our School Uniform Nursery Pupils

Pupils in the Nursery wear the school PE kit every day. This makes outdoor play safer and enables greater independence in toileting routines.

4. Jewellery and Hairstyles

The wearing of earrings and other jewellery (with the exception of essential religious items and medical alert bracelets) is not permitted because of the possible danger to the wearer and to other pupils. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 may wear watches provide they do not cause a distraction. Staff cannot take responsibility for any watches becoming lost or damaged during the school day.

All hair long enough must be tied back at all times with simple blue, white or black accessories. No extreme haircuts or styles are permitted - this includes shaved crew or buzz cut styles and shaved line art.

All uniform and accessory items must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

All children must bring their blue school book bag and school water bottle into school each day. All children are given a school water bottle on joining the school. Replacements may be purchased via the school online shop.

5. Purchasing uniform items

Our main school uniform supplier is Schools Direct Ltd but non logoed items may be purchased from any shop. We encourage parents to make use of our PTA online shop for pre-loved uniform items.

6. The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

7. The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

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