



# TAVISTOCK PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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### 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

### 2. Our school’s legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs

- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the School Business Manager, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact details for the school Business Manager are at the end of this document..

### 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## **4. Expectations for school uniform**

### **4.1 Our school's uniform**

#### **Uniform**

The school has adopted a uniform which we encourage **all** children from Year R to Year 6 to wear.

#### **Winter Uniform**

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece with:

White shirt/blouse/polo shirt

Grey/black trousers/skirt/dress

Black shoes

#### **Summer Uniform**

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece with:

White shirt/blouse/polo shirt

Grey/black trousers/shorts/skirt

Blue and white small-check dresses

Black shoes

#### **PE Kit (Summer Term)**

Black Shorts

T-shirt in child's house colour (assigned after child has started)

Trainers/plimsolls

#### **Accessories**

For safety reasons, no jewellery is allowed. If a child has pierced ears, they may wear very small plain studs.

Watches may be worn in KS2. Analogue watches only, to support children in learning to tell the time.

Long hair should be tied back at all times.

No make up or nail varnish should be worn to school.

If you consider that this is discriminatory in any way with the Equality Act 2010 please speak to the School Business Manager. Contact details for the School business Manager are at the end of this document.

## 4.2 Where to purchase it

Uniform can be bought from Uniform Sales <https://bit.ly/4amHVDx>

The link is also on our school website. You are also able to purchase uniform that does not have the school logo from retailers on the high street and supermarkets.

In addition we run a very successful thrift shop in school where parents/carers bring in good quality uniform that their child/children have outgrown. This can then be purchased for a small contribution. The thrift rail can be accessed from the main school office at any time.

## 5. Expectations for our school community

### 5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact The School Business Manager if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

### 5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact School Business Manager if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### 5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

### 5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

## 6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, it will be approved by the Full Governing body.

To contact the School Business Manager please either telephone the school office on 01822 616044 or email [admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs K Wright.

## 7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy