



Uniform Policy

Aims

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of, and from, all pupils. Through our uniform policy and dress codes we aim to:

- encourage pride in the school;
- encourage a sense of equality and cohesion;
- protect pupils from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- support teaching and learning;
- provide a safe and secure environment in which pupils learn how to dress appropriately.

In these ways, the uniform policy supports the overall aims of the school.

Expectations

It is expected that **ALL uniform is named** and that pupils will wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear. If a pupil:

- does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the child or parents/carers;
- continues to not wear the correct uniform, a written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers (see Appendix 1);
- arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (e.g. unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, etc.) then the school may provide uniform for the pupil to wear for the day;

Uniform

- The school website provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn and this also set out in Appendix 2 for ease of reference
- Items of uniform with TDS logo can be purchased from our uniform supplier
- Second-hand items are available via the Parent Association
- School cardigans, V-neck jumpers, polo shirts, sports clothing without the school logo may also be purchased from other retailers but must be in keeping with the style sold with our uniform supplier
- PE kit should be worn to school on PE days
- All items must be clearly labelled with the child's name
- The pupils are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform
- There are baskets for lost property located in each building. Any unnamed items in good condition left unclaimed will be sold.
- If there is any reason why a pupil cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (e.g. health or religious grounds) then the Headteacher will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer.
- Outdoor clothing, including coats, hats, scarves and wellies must be removed on arrival at school.



Hair

- Hair should be worn away from the face and tied up and back using a scrunchie, hairband, clip or ribbon.
- Hair accessories for all year groups must be plain dark blue, black, grey, yellow.
- Unnatural hair colouring is not permitted. The interpretation of 'unnatural' is as follows:
 - a colour that is not found within the natural hair colour spectrum, i.e. a bright, extreme or vivid colour;
 - a combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast.
- If hair extensions are worn they must also be in a colour that naturally blends with the hair.
- Hair must be cut in a conventional manner (no markings) and not be shorter than a grade 2.

Jewellery, Make Up etc.

- Only small stud earrings are permitted. They should be removed on PE days or covered with tape before entering school. School staff are not permitted to remove or cover earrings.
- Other body piercings or tattoos / body paintings are not permitted except for mendhi patterns for religious purposes.
- Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted.
- Fingernails must be short and nail extensions of any kind may not be worn.
- Garments covering the face or whole body are not permitted.
- Students who wish to wear hijabs may do so provided that the fabric is plain, lightweight and dark blue or black.

Cost of uniform

We want to ensure that the cost of uniform does not lead to any pupil feeling socially excluded or unable to afford other necessities. Parents who are unable to provide their child with the required items of school uniform should contact the Headteacher. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity.

Non-gender specific uniform

The Downley School is an inclusive school. We feel that it is important that children are free to choose the uniform that allows them to feel valued, supports their identity within school and their right to choose. This is in keeping with Equality and Diversity policy.



APPENDIX 1

Standard communication to parents

Date:

Dear Parent/Carer

Child's name: Class:

We noticed that your child did not wear the correct school uniform to school today. The breach of school policy is as follows:

- XXX

I'm sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school. As our policy states:

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I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that the above matter is dealt with by the end of the week. If you need to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so your query can be directed to the correct member of staff.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Leanne Dandridge

Headteacher



APPENDIX 2

Uniform details

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children enjoy being active and creative so we have kept the uniform simple and non-gendered.

- Navy blue V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (logo version available from [PMG school wear](#))
- Gold polo shirt (logo version available from [PMG school wear](#))
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Shoes - plain black, black soles, no added colour, no flashing lights, no boots
- Socks - Grey ankle/knee length

Summer term (April-July only)

- Yellow checked dress/playsuit (optional)

Year 3-6

- Navy blue V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (logo version available from [PMG school wear](#))
- White shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Tie (available from [PMG school wear](#))
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Shoes - plain black, black soles, no added colour, no flashing lights, no boots
- Socks - Grey ankle/knee length

Summer term (April-July only)

- Gold polo shirt (logo version available from [PMG school wear](#))
- Yellow checked dress/playsuit (optional)

PE and Games (All children Reception-Year 6)

White crew neck (round) T-shirt

Navy blue school PE shorts/skort

Navy blue tracksuit/joggers/hoody (no additional colours - logo version available from [PMG school wear](#))

Trainers

Outdoor play and learning

We aim to be out and about regardless of the weather. Children should be provided with outdoor clothing as follows:

- Wellies
- Waterproof trousers
- Waterproof coat (winter)/jacket (summer)
- Hat, scarf and gloves (winter)
- Sun hat (summer)

Children will not be allowed to play on grass areas if they are not dressed in wet weather clothing when grass is wet.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING