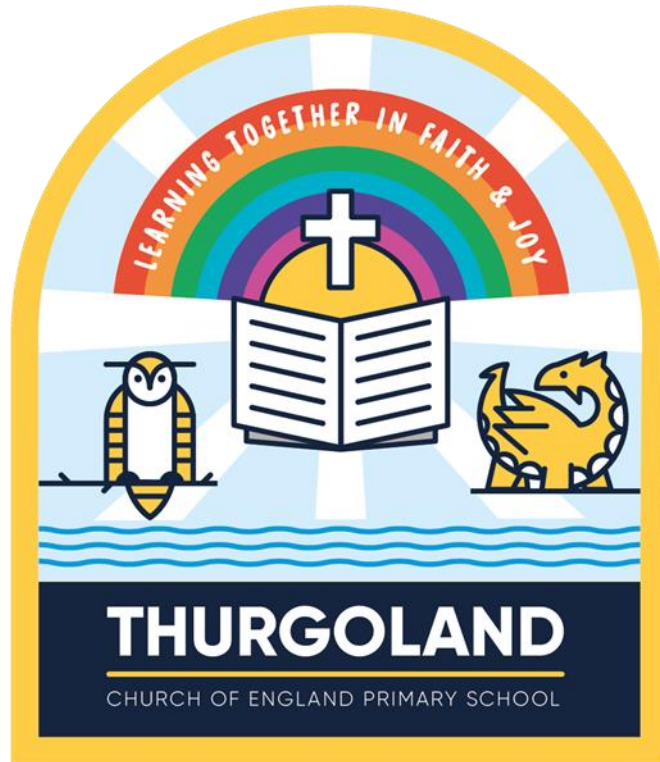


Thurgoland CE Primary



School Uniform Policy

Approved by:

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Aims

This policy:

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

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 sex, race, religion or belief, 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 the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable.
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the school office via telephone or by emailing office@thurgolandprimary.org who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

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
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- 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 and is available from 'high street' retailers
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- 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

Expectations for our required school uniform

Please ensure that all clothing worn or brought into school is labelled with your child's name and class.

We encourage all children to wear school uniform. This consists of:

- White or navy polo shirts or T-shirts
- Blue and white checked dresses (not available from Vortex)
- Grey or navy skirts / trousers
- Navy sweatshirts / cardigans

Note, jewellery must not be worn for health and safety reasons and where ears are pierced, only small studs are permitted to be worn. Exceptions can only be made for medical or religious reasons. Long hair should be tied back with appropriate discrete school-coloured hair accessories.

Our P.E. uniform is:

- PE Team T-Shirt in Navy Blue
- Plain navy or dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings;
- Plain, dark shorts
- 'Lightweight' Trainers i.e. not boot like trainers (these need to be suitable for outdoor physical activity. Black plimsolls will no longer be suitable as these are not waterproof or as practical to walk to school in/wear all day);
- Pupils can wear outdoor coats, school jumpers, a plain navy sweatshirt or a fleece over their PE uniform to travel to school/play outside.

For swimming a full swimming costume (not bikini) or swimming trunks / shorts should be worn. Swimming hats must be worn over long hair. A towel will be needed from home.

Where to purchase it

Parents and carers can obtain uniform from:

- The above branded items, plus navy waterproof jackets and fleeces can be purchased at from <https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk/Primary-Schools/Thurgoland-Primary-School>
- Or can be bought more widely, e.g. from 'high-street' retailers
- Nearly new uniform sales will take place periodically throughout the year
- Requests for nearly new uniform items can be made via the school office
- Details of any local uniform exchange schemes running, will be shared on school social media

Expectations for our school community

We all believe that a school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- It looks smart and gives a sense of belonging
- It eliminates social problems caused by latest fashion fads
- It contributes to a feeling of pride within our school

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 office if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

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 the school office 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.

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.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years by Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.