Uniform Policy

June 2025

School Vision:

"At PaWS we have an ambitious vision to work in partnerships with families, the church and the wider community to prepare all our children with the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours they will need in order to flourish, reach their potential and enjoy fullness of life."

(John 10:10)

Aims and objectives:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- creates a level playing field reducing peer pressure to wear expensive branded clothing and supports our commitment to inclusion;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- should be cost effective for families keeping branded items to a minimum.

PaWS School Uniform

The only branded items we request that children must have in school are our school jumper, PE shirt and the books bags for Early Years and Year 1 pupils.

The uniform is as follows:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt (school logo is optional)
- Grey or black skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or tailored knee length shorts
- Red gingham dresses may be worn in the summer term
- Shoes should be black, leather-look (smart) and appropriate to the rigours of school life – **no** trainers, **no** sling-backs and **no** boots. Heels should be no more than ½ inch.
- Wellington boots may be worn to walk to school but must be changed on arrival.
- Red book bag is required for EYFS and Year 1. It is optional for the rest of our pupils.

For PE all children need:

- PE kit is worn to school on PE days. Children should wear their school jumper/cardigan over the top of their PE T-shirt in colder weather.
- PE T-shirt with school logo in your child's house colour.
- Black PE shorts
- A pair of black plimsolls or black trainers.
- School PE bag in house colour (optional)
- Plain black joggers (no branded trousers or leggings)
- Shinpads for invasion games (KS2 only)

Optional items:

- Red school hat with school logo
- Red Fleece with school logo (not to be worn in place of a sweatshirt)

Jewellery:

- On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. If ears are pierced, then only small plain studs are allowed. Children are expected to remove earrings before P.E. lessons.

Make-up and Hair:

- Children should not come to school wearing make-up, this includes nail varnish and false nails.
- Hair should be of natural colour – no hair dye. Long hair should be tied up for health and safety. Hair accessories, including bows and headbands should follow the school colours. Tram lines and extreme haircuts are not permitted.

<u>All</u> clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

School Expectations

Expectations for pupils

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

- On the school premises
- 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 headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

Expectations for 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 headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

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

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 does not improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be managed by a member of the Senior Leaders Team.

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 consider supportive approaches to resolving the situation.

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
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

Uniform supplier
Branded items of uniform can be purchase online through the following link:
Price and Buckland

Second hand uniform
We encourage any families to donate second hand uniform to the school for us to sell regularly throughout the year. How to donate and the opportunities to purchase second hand uniform, are publicised to parents.

Pupil Premium
If parents or carers receive benefits and believe that their child is entitled to Free School Meals funding, the school will receive additional funding called the Pupil Premium. Where pupils are entitled to receive Pupil Premium funding, the school will provide one set of uniform (polo shirt, PE shirt, cardigan or jumper and a book bag) free of charge when they become eligible. Parents should follow this link for more information and for details of how to apply.

Effective procurement
The school uses good procurement practices to ensure uniform is good quality and cost effective. We run a competitive tendering process at least every 5 years.

Changes to uniform
If the school makes a decision to change any part of the school uniform, children will continue to be allowed to wear old uniform for a reasonable period.