Uniform Policy

Updated September 2026

Purston Infant School Uniform Policy

At Purston Infant School, we believe that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of belonging and pride in our school community.
- Supports equality by reducing visible differences in clothing.
- Encourages a positive attitude towards learning.
- Helps children feel part of the Purston family.
- Is practical, safe and appropriate for infant-aged pupils.

At Purston Infant School, our approach to uniform is guided by three key principles: affordability, inclusion and practicality. We believe children should feel comfortable, confident and ready to learn, while ensuring that school uniform does not place an unnecessary financial burden on families.

Our School Uniform

Main Uniform

Our main/everyday uniform consists of:

- Royal blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue gingham dress (summer option)
- Grey or white socks
- Grey, black or white tights
- Sensible black footwear

PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Black or blue shorts
- Black or blue jogging bottoms or leggings (for outdoor PE)
- Plain sweatshirt or school jumper
- Trainers suitable for physical activity

PE Kit (Outdoor)

- Outdoor kit (Boys & girls) – Black/Navy Tracksuit, plain white t-shirt and trainers.

Forest School and Outdoor Learning

When advised by school, pupils should wear:

- Long-sleeved top
- Long trousers
- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots or sturdy outdoor footwear

Footwear

Children should wear practical black shoes suitable for everyday school activities.

For health and safety reasons:

- Open-toed sandals should not be worn.
- High heels or platform shoes are not permitted.
- Trainers should be plain black unless worn for PE.

Jewellery and Accessories
For safety reasons:

- Jewellery should not be worn in school.
- One pair of small stud earrings may be worn.
- Earrings must be removed or covered for PE.
- Watches may be worn but must not be smart watches and remain the child's responsibility.

Children should not wear:

- Hoop earrings
- Smart watches with cameras or communication functions
- Nail varnish
- Make-up
- Temporary tattoos

Hair
Long hair should be tied back where appropriate to support safety and hygiene.
Hair accessories should be:

- Small
- Practical
- In school colours (blue, white, grey or black)

Extreme hairstyles, shaved patterns or brightly coloured hair are not appropriate for primary school.

Labelling Clothing
Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to clearly label all clothing, footwear and personal belongings with their child's name to help us return lost property promptly.

Equality, Inclusion and flexibility
At Purston Infant School, we are committed to ensuring that our uniform expectations are fair, inclusive and non-discriminatory. No child will be disadvantaged because of the cost, availability or suitability of uniform items.

Purston Infant School is committed to meeting its duties under the **Equality Act 2010**. We will make reasonable adjustments where required to accommodate:

- Religious beliefs and practices
- Cultural requirements
- Disability or medical needs
- Additional learning or sensory needs

We recognise that some pupils may require adaptations to the school uniform. Requests for adjustments will be considered on an individual basis, working closely with families to find practical and appropriate solutions.

Parents and carers who wish to discuss adaptations to the school uniform are encouraged to arrange an appointment with the Headteacher or the SENDco. Any discussions will be handled sensitively, respectfully and confidentially, ensuring that every child feels comfortable, included and able to participate fully in school life.
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Financial Support
We recognise that school uniform costs can be challenging for some families.
To support affordability we:

- Accept non-logo uniform items.
- Provide information as to where pre-loved uniform when is available.
- Signpost families to sources of financial support where appropriate.

Parents experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the school in confidence.

Roles and Responsibilities

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school in appropriate uniform.
- Clearly label clothing and belongings.
- Inform school if they require support with uniform provision.

School

The school will:

- Apply this policy fairly and sensitively.
- Support families experiencing difficulties.
- Ensure uniform expectations do not disadvantage pupils.
- Promote inclusion and equality at all times.

Background and Affordability of School Uniform

In developing this policy, Purston Infant School has taken full account of the **Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniform) Act 2021** and the Department for Education's guidance on school uniforms. We are committed to ensuring that our uniform is affordable, practical and accessible for all families.

The key principles that underpin our approach are outlined below:

Keeping Uniform Affordable

Parents should not have to consider the cost of uniform when choosing a school for their child. We therefore aim to keep the overall cost of school uniform as low as possible.

At Purston Infant School:

- Our uniform is simple, practical and affordable.
- Most items can be purchased from a variety of high street retailers and supermarkets.
- Any logoed items are optional and non-branded alternatives are accepted where appropriate.
- We regularly review our uniform requirements to ensure they remain reasonable and affordable for families.

When considering affordability, we take account of the total cost of all clothing and equipment required throughout a child's time at school, including PE kit and any additional clothing needed for outdoor learning activities.

Branded Items

The Department for Education recommends that schools keep branded items to a minimum. At Purston Infant School:

- There is no requirement for children to wear branded uniform items.
- Parents may choose logoed items if they wish, but plain alternatives in the correct colours are equally acceptable.

Clear Information for Families

Our uniform policy is published on the school website and is available to current and prospective parents. We aim to ensure that expectations are clear, easy to understand and accessible to all families.

Value for Money

Where logoed items are available, we seek to ensure that suppliers provide good value for money, balancing affordability, quality and durability. Any arrangements with uniform suppliers are reviewed periodically to ensure families continue to receive the best possible value.

Pre-Loved Uniform

In line with Department for Education guidance, Purston Infant School is committed to making second-hand uniform available to families.

We support families through:

- Access to pre-loved uniform items where available.
- Opportunities to donate good quality uniform that children have outgrown.
- Information on accessing pre-loved uniform shared through school communications and our website.

We encourage families to make use of pre-loved uniform as a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable option.

Supporting Families

We recognise that some families may experience financial difficulties from time to time. If purchasing uniform presents a challenge, parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school confidentially. We will work sensitively with families to provide support wherever possible and ensure that no child is disadvantaged because of financial circumstances.

Monitoring and Review
This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher and Governing Body, or sooner if changes in guidance or legislation require.

Approved By:
Headteacher: G.Bedford
Chair of Governors: A.Barnaby
Date Approved: October 2026

Review Date: October 2029

Be Kind
Be Safe
Be Your Best

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Together We Learn and Grow

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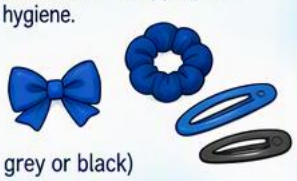

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Thank you

for supporting our uniform expectations and helping all children come to school ready to learn every day.

A Brighter Future Together

School Colours: Blue • White • Grey • Black

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.