



'To be the best that we can be'

IGHTENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform and Appearance Policy 2025-2026

1 Introduction

- 1.1** It is our school policy that **all children wear school uniform when attending school**, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours (such as school trips).

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website and the appendix below.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school.
 - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
 - is practical and smart.
 - identifies the children with the school.
 - prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
 - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
 - is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents.
 - is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

- 3.1** On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

No other jewellery or fashion items are permitted in school eg. rings / bracelets / necklaces / gel nails / other piercings etc.

4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1** The school does not encourage children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. If required school will offer guidance on this matter.

5 Footwear and PE kits

- 5.1** In terms of Health and Safety, we believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

We require all children to wear shoes as described in the uniform list. (Black shoes or plain black trainers without logos).

PE kit is required for all PE lessons and we have a specific Ighthenhill PE kit which can be seen in the appendix below.

6 The role of parents

- 6.1** We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good condition.
- 6.2** If any parent would like to discuss the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1** The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1** The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- sharing the policy with parents, to ensure that they understand the policy;

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- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to ensure the policy is appropriately applied;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

APPENDIX A

List of school uniform 2025 -2026

Main uniform

- Jade polo shirt with school logo
- Grey jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Black jumper or cardigan with school logo (Year 6 only)
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirts
- Yellow or green gingham summer dresses

Footwear

- Black formal school shoes (EYFS/KS1 - Velcro fastenings advised for safety)

or

- Plain black trainers (i.e. no coloured/white logos anywhere on the trainers, no coloured /white soles, no coloured/white laces)

School PE Kit

- Plain white round neck t-shirt (no logos, stripes or patterns)
- Plain black shorts leggings or joggers (no logos, stripes or patterns)
- Trainers or black PE pumps

IF CHILDREN ARE SENT TO SCHOOL WITHOUT THE CORRECT UNIFORM, PARENTS / CARERS MAY BE CONTACTED AND WILL BE REMINDED ABOUT THE UNIFORM POLICY (AS DESCRIBED ABOVE) AND ASKED TO PROVIDE THE CORRECT UNIFORM FOR THEIR CHILD.