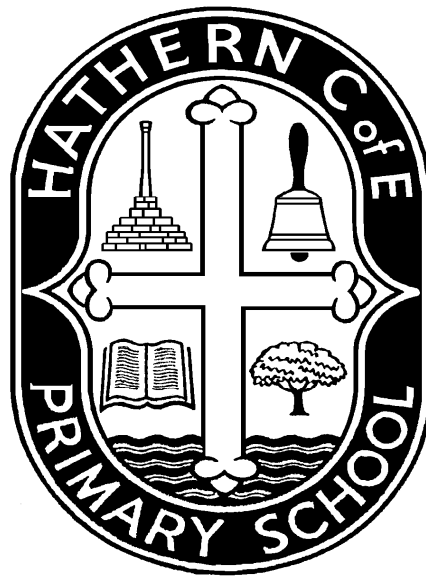


Hathern Church of England Primary School



Uniform Policy

At Hathern Church of England Primary School, we believe in
'Learning and Caring Together'

Uniform Policy

This policy will be every 2 years unless:

- a) There is a change in legislation relevant to the policy
- b) There is a change in guidance from the DfE or LA relevant to the policy
- c) There is a request for a review from the headteacher

Policy Dated: August 2024

Review date: Summer 2026: _____

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- supports positive behaviour
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Our School Uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt (with or without school logo) or white shirt/blouse
- Crew-neck sweatshirt/sweatshirt cardigan with school logo. (Not knitted/woollen cardigans or sweaters)
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore, culottes
- Blue/white checked Summer school dress
- White, grey or black socks
- Black shoes (no raised heels).

A Royal Blue Book Bag will be provided on first entry into the school – as a gift from the Friends Parents and Teachers Association. Subsequent Book Bags will need to be purchased.

New uniform is supplied by Rosebuddies of Loughborough. This can be ordered online (and delivered to home or school) or bought from their stall on Loughborough Market.

The school has a selection of used school uniform for sale (50p per item), including branded sweatshirts. Stock is displayed in the main school reception at Pasture Lane.

Parents in receipt of a personal budget through the Pupil Premium can use these funds to purchase uniform from Rosebuddies or elsewhere. Speak to the office for guidance.

PE KIT

- Crew-neck white t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Black or dark blue shorts – sports shorts or lycra cycle shorts
- Training shoes
- Black or dark blue jogging pants, or leggings, and a black or dark blue sweatshirt (outdoor PE)
- Hair bobble to tie hair back (if necessary)

Please ensure that their kit covers them appropriately, for safety and for all weathers.

Swimming (KS2)

- Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts
- One piece swimming costume
- Towel
- Hairbrush or comb
- Plain swimming hats, as appropriate

All children are permitted to wear non-uniform on their birthday if it falls on a school day, or if it falls in a period of school closure (weekend or holiday) on the nearest school day.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of a watch and small stud earrings. Jewellery must not be worn during P.E lessons. This might seem unnecessary, but should accidental contact with an item of jewellery (i.e. an earring) occur, a harmless action may be turned into a serious injury. For similar reasons we also ask that long hair be tied back.

If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, it would be advisable to do this in the first week of the summer holidays so that the ears will be healed in time for the start of the new term. Only small studs may be worn in pierced ears at school, no other types are permitted. Children must be able to remove their own earrings.

Extreme Weather

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or snowy weather.

As outdoor learning is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum, the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage should be dressed appropriately for all kinds of weather. We will provide waterproof jackets and trousers but hats, gloves and Wellington boots would also be items of clothing that should be provided for the children.

Lost Property

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.