

Applecroft School



School Uniform Policy

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1) Introduction:

School Vision:

'To be a positive and inspiring community that nurtures each individual and empowers leaders for life.'

School Mission Statement:

'Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Changing Lives'

School Values:

- Ambition and Leadership
- Kindness and Supportiveness
- Respect and Honesty
- Determination and Resilience

Applecroft School has a school uniform policy that we are very proud of. All children who attend the school, from Reception to Year 6, are required to wear it. School uniform is optional in Nursery although due to their very creative curriculum we do recommend that children come dressed in the school polo shirt/jumper or cardigan as this will save the children from getting their own clothes covered in paint, glitter, mud or other wonderful media!

At Applecroft School, we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events during school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Many items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. There is no mandatory requirement for school items to display the school logo.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is in Appendix A.

2) Aims and Objectives:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion

- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind.

3) Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish:

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Long hair should be tied back. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red, white black or grey to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

4) Footwear:

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list in Appendix A, **boots are not permitted.**

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning at lunchtimes) - All Year Groups

As part of our OPAL program, children spend time outdoors in all weather conditions. To ensure they stay comfortable and dry, please make sure your child has the following items in school:

- **A named pair of wellies**
- **A full-body waterproof suit** (or waterproof top and bottoms) suitable for rainy conditions

5) The Role of Parents / Carers:

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents / carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and P.E. kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the **child's name is visibly labelled** on all items. If a parent / carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Parents / Carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children (unless of Nursery age) who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item) from our supply of school uniform property to wear for that day if possible. Parents / Carers will be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents / carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent / carer would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher and then the Board of Trustees.

6) Where to Buy/Source School Uniform:

After an extensive tendering process to ensure value for money, P. Tyler has been appointed as our official uniform provider. These uniforms feature the school logo. Parents and carers also have the option to purchase generic uniform items from a variety of retailers, offering flexibility and value for money.

7) Second Hand Uniform:

We encourage parents and carers to donate second-hand uniform items. These items are widely available, completely free, and can be accessed discreetly if needed. They are located on the clothes rail near the south entrance of the school. Alternatively, you can discuss this via email at admin@applecroft.herts.sch.uk or by contacting our School Family Link Worker.

8) Non Uniform Days:

On non-uniform days, such as fundraising events or national celebrations like World Book Day, there is no expectation for children to dress up or purchase costumes. Participation and financial contributions are entirely optional.

9) The Role of The Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/ carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Trustees' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. The Board of Trustees ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

10) Monitoring and Review:

The Board of Trustees monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents / carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

See our school Uniform items in Appendix A or alternatively look on the school website where an order form and price list can be accessed.

<https://www.applecroft.herts.sch.uk/uniform-information/>

Appendix A

School Uniform List

School Uniform:

- Red jumper or cardigan
- Grey or mid-grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafore dresses
- Red and white checked summer dresses
- White shirts or blouses (which must be kept tucked inside)
- White polo shirts (for Nursery to Year 6)
- Red polo shirts (for Nursery and Reception children **only**)
- Smart, black shoes (boots are not permitted)
- Plain grey, white or red socks

- Grey or red tights
- Grey, Red or white hair bands, clips or Alice bands only

P.E. Uniform:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms (optional)
- Black hooded sweatshirts (optional)
- Black plimsolls or training shoes (for outdoor PE). Children do not wear shoes for indoor PE unless there is a medical reason.
- House T-Shirt (children will be allocated to a 'House' when they join the school and will be required to wear a house coloured t-shirt for sports day and house sporting events - colours available are red, blue, green or yellow and do not necessarily have to be purchased from the school)

OPAL:

- A pair of wellington boots
- A full body waterproof (ideally all in one)

(We encourage parents/ carers to label all items of clothing and footwear)

Additional Logo marked items available:

- P.E. Bags
- Book Bags
- Hats - caps and beanies

Items of School and P.E. uniform marked can be purchased either directly from the school uniform shop (located in the school's main reception) or by completing and emailing in a school uniform order form. Orders emailed will be delivered directly to your child or if you prefer collected from the school's main reception.

If possible we would prefer all payments for uniform to be made through our cashless online system School Gateway.