



Thringstone Primary School

Believe and Achieve Together

School Uniform Policy

**Approved on behalf of the
Governing Body by:**

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1 Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform.

2 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;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our colours are red, grey/black and white and the uniform is as follows:

- Red sweatshirt with or without school logo
- Red jumper with or without school logo
- White or red polo shirt with or without school logo
- School red fleece and/or reversible fleece jacket with school logo (optional)
- School red book bag with school logo (optional)
- Grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts
- Red gingham dresses or culottes may be worn in the summer term
- Black or dark shoes

Children are expected to change their outdoor shoes for indoor shoes when in the school building to reduce mud and dirt being carried through the school and in classrooms. Plain dark plimsolls are recommended indoor shoes.

For PE all children need

- A red or white t-shirt (no logos other than the school logo)
- Black or dark plain PE shorts or leggings
- A pair of trainers and suitable clothing for outdoor PE
- Plimsolls for indoor PE

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, watches and small objects of religious or cultural significance. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games or if the child is unable to remove their earrings, the earrings are to be covered with microfibre plasters. Children can not wear earrings for swimming.

4 Hairstyles

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school. All long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back. The school does not encourage children to have hairstyles that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school or shoes that do not provide adequate support for playground activities. Children will be asked to change their shoes if the school feels that they are inappropriate.

6 The role of parents and carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that 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.

8 Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, the governing body will:

- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.