



Thringstone Primary School

Believe and Achieve Together

Uniform Policy

Adopted by
Governors: 01.06.26
Due for Review: April 2029 or sooner if required

1. Introduction

It is the policy of the school that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

This policy has been developed with reference to national guidance, including:

- Department for Education: *School uniform guidance*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform>
- Department for Education: *Statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms>

The school recognises its duty to ensure that uniform requirements are reasonable, inclusive and affordable.

2. Aims and Principles

The school uniform policy aims to:

- Promote a sense of pride in the school
- Foster a sense of community and belonging
- Support positive behaviour and high expectations
- Ensure children are dressed safely and appropriately
- Reduce inequality and pressure related to clothing
- Provide a practical and cost-effective approach to dress

The policy is implemented in line with:

- The Equality Act 2010

3. Affordability

The governing board will ensure that the cost of school uniform is reasonable and does not act as a barrier to attendance.

In line with Department for Education guidance, the school will:

- Keep branded items to a minimum
- Avoid requiring expensive or specialist items
- Ensure uniform can be purchased from a range of retailers
- Provide access to second-hand or pre-loved uniform where possible
- Offer support to families experiencing financial difficulty

The school will review uniform expectations regularly to ensure they remain affordable.

4. School Uniform

School colours are **red, grey/black and white**.

Core Uniform

- Red sweatshirt or jumper (with or without school logo)
- White or red polo shirt (with or without school logo)

- Grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts
- Red gingham dress or culottes (summer term)
- Black or dark, sensible shoes

Optional Items

- School fleece or coat with logo
- School book bag

5. Physical Education (PE) Kit

All children are required to have:

- Red or white t-shirt (no logos other than the school logo)
- Black or dark plain shorts or leggings
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Plimsolls for indoor PE

6. Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted.

Exceptions include:

- Stud earrings
- Watches – excluding smart watches
- Small items of religious or cultural significance

During PE and swimming:

- Earrings must be removed or covered for PE

7. Hair and Appearance

- Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back
- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school
- Extreme styles, colours or patterns are not permitted

The school will consider individual circumstances to ensure expectations are applied fairly and do not discriminate.

8. Footwear

Children must wear footwear that is:

- Safe and suitable for school use
- Appropriate for active play

The following are not permitted:

- High heels
- Platform soles
- Unsafe or impractical footwear

Children may be asked to change footwear if it is deemed unsafe.

9. Equality and Inclusion

The school is committed to ensuring that this policy is inclusive.

Reasonable adjustments will be made where necessary for:

- Religious or cultural requirements
- Medical needs or disabilities

The school will not treat any child unfavourably due to protected characteristics and will consider requests sensitively.

10. Role of Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform
- Maintain uniform so it is clean and in good condition
- Support the school's expectations

If any parent or carer has concerns about the policy, they should contact the Headteacher.

11. Role of Governors

The governing board will:

- Approve and review the uniform policy
- Ensure compliance with statutory guidance
- Monitor affordability and equality considerations
- Consider representations from parents and carers

12. Monitoring and Review

Teachers are responsible for the day-to-day monitoring and consistent application of the policy within their classrooms and across the school.

The Headteacher will oversee implementation and address any ongoing or escalated concerns.

The governing board will:

- Monitor the application of the policy
- Review requests for flexibility or exemptions
- Ensure the policy remains compliant and fit for purpose

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or sooner if required.

13. Linked Guidance

This policy should be read alongside:

- Department for Education: *School uniform guidance*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform>
- Department for Education: *Cost of school uniforms (statutory guidance)*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms>

- Equality Act 2010