



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside of normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

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.
- can be left at home on special occasions, e.g. to support good causes

Mandatory school uniform list

Uniform	Mandatory	Seasonal	Generic option available
Grey school skirt, trousers or shorts	Y		Y
Purple polo shirt (with logo or plain)	Y		Y
Grey school jumper or cardigan (with logo or plain)	Y		Y
Grey, black or white socks to be worn with skirts	Y		Y
Purple summer dress		Y	Y
Black school shoes	Y		Y

Long hair should be tied back using black or purple hair ties, no large coloured bows, clips, or headbands.

See below for jewellery expectations, including watches



Mandatory PE uniforms:

Uniform	Mandatory	Seasonal	Generic option available
Purple PE t-shirt (with logo or plain)	Y		Y
Black PE shorts	Y		Y
Black tracksuit bottoms		Y	Y
Black plain hooded jumper		Y	Y
Trainers	Y		Y

School logo jumpers, polo shirts and PE t-shirts can be purchased from our uniform supplier, Broadwater sports. Please note that non logo grey jumpers, purple polo t-shirts and purple PE t-shirts can be worn and can be purchased from most supermarkets. Please contact the office office@claphamandpatching.co.uk if you have any questions regarding uniform requirements.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. 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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the mandatory uniform list.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small gold or silver earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games or to cover pierced ears with tape.

Smart-watches are not permitted in school.

Extreme haircuts

Governors and staff at Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting the appropriate tone. Uniform contributes to the feeling of pride in the school and encourages a positive identity ensuring that all races and backgrounds feel welcome. Uniform will protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way and nurtures cohesion, positive relationships, good behaviour and a good attitude towards teaching and learning.



The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Extreme hairstyles include bright or unnatural colours, shaved heads, or patterns/lines shaved into hair.

Second-hand Uniform

The PTA of Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School collect and sell/donate second-hand uniform on regular dates throughout the year. These are publicised via the school parent communication system and are shared via The PTA of Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School Facebook page and WhatsApp groups.