



Uniform Policy

'Learn, Love and Grow with God'

Clapham and Patching Church of England Primary School Uniform Policy 2022/23	
Approval by Governors	Next Review – Summer 24
Approval by Parents	Author: Head of School

1 Introduction

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

2. Aims and objectives

2.1 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

3. School uniform list

School uniform:

- Grey school skirts, school trousers or school shorts
- Purple polo shirts
- Grey school jumper or Grey school cardigan
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey or purple tights
- Purple summer dresses
- Black school shoes
- Long hair should be tied back using black or purple hair ties, no large coloured bows, clips or headbands.
- See (3) for jewellery expectations, including watches

PE uniform:

- Purple school PE t-shirt
- Black PE shorts, black plain tracksuit bottoms can be worn in cooler months
- Black plain hooded jumpers can be worn in cooler months
- Trainers

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 purchased from supermarkets. Please contact the office office@claphamandpatching.co.uk if you have any questions regarding uniform requirements.

4. Footwear

5.1 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 uniform list.

5. Jewellery

5.1 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 ear-ring 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.

5.2 Smart-watches are not permitted in school

6. Extreme haircuts

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

7. Second-hand Uniform

7.1 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.