

SLADEFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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

The school uniform is:

- red sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- white polo shirt
- charcoal grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- red, white or black hijab
- red and white checked dresses may be worn in Summer
- sensible footwear, preferably black with Velcro fastening (no flip flops or sandals as they are not safe)
- red Book Bag with the school logo (each Reception child will receive a free book bag).

The PE kit is:

- black joggers, shorts or leggings
- red t-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- black trainers or plimsolls (footwear should be suitable for a walk to school in all weather conditions)
- long sleeved top (for use in outside PE sessions)

1. 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
- 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 practicality, health and safety in mind

2. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. This includes earrings which can be dangerous for small children. The school supplies plastic 'filler' earrings for children who may have had their ears pierced during the school year and their parents/carers don't wish for the earring holes to cover over.

3. The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents/Carers who send their children to our school to support the school's Uniform Policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

4. Uniform on PE Days

On PE days, we allow the children to come to school wearing their PE kit, this is to ensure that the children get the most time from their PE slots. Parents/Carers will be informed of the days their children have PE sessions. Parents/Carers will also be notified if the PE session is to take place outside so that they can ensure that their child is dressed appropriately.

5. Affordable Uniform

In line with current guidance (Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK), Sladefield Infant School actively promote the wearing of a cost-affective uniform, with only 1 item of branded uniform expected – the child's book bag. Each child receives a free book bag at the start of their time at Sladefield and this can last them for the whole time they are at the school. Parents/Carers are only required to purchase another book bag in the event of a damaged or lost book bag.

Our parents/carers can make an informed decision as to how much money they spend on their child's school uniform, and staff at the school actively promote spending less on uniform. With the children being so young, uniform can easily be damaged or stained, and therefore new uniform has to be brought regularly. Therefore, school staff suggest that parents/carers shop at supermarkets for low-cost uniforms, and we do not expect that the uniform has a school logo. We also have a central stock of 'nearly new' uniform available in school which we give away free for any families requesting support.

However, we are also aware that some parents/carers would prefer a uniform that has a school logo. Therefore, we work with the suppliers, Brigade, who provide uniforms with a school logo (School - Brigade Clothing, LTD).

The following items with a school logo can be purchased:

- red sweatshirt - £12.55
- cardigan - £13.95
- cap - £6.75
- red and white checked dress - £18.95
- Book Bag (replacements if required) - £7.95

We regularly check the value of school uniform with a logo against other suppliers to make sure uniform secures the best value for money for parents/carers.

5. Actions Taken for Non-Uniform

Occasionally, children come to school not in school uniform. In the first instance, school staff would liaise with the child's parent/carer to illicit the reason as to why their child is not in school uniform; it might be that there is a reasonable reason. Alternatively, it might be that the member of school staff has to remind the parent/carer that their child should be in school uniform.

If a child regularly comes to school not in school uniform, the school will send out a letter reminding the parents/carers of the school's expectations with regard uniform and requesting that they ensure that their child wears the correct school uniform in future.

Should there be a continuation of the same child not wearing school uniform, the school will provide 'nearly new' uniform for the child and ask them to change into that. A more formal meeting will also be held with the parent/carer to discuss the reasons behind why their child in not wearing appropriate school uniform and to ensure that they do in the future.

This policy is implemented and works alongside the following curriculum and non-curriculum based policies:

- Equal Opportunities
- Behaviour
- Community Cohesion
- Equality
- Health and Safety
- Child Protection
- Anti-bullying
- PSHE

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