

Parkside Academy
School Uniform Policy
September 2023



Introduction

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. We provide pictures of the items needed for school uniform on our school website.

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 or alienate children on grounds of family income.;
- 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.

Jewellery

- On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:
 - ear-ring studs in pierced ears
 - small objects of religious significance we ask children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.
- The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school summer holidays.
- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

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, except on PE days; 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 black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

In winter time, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes or black plimsolls or slippers (not large character slippers) to change into. Children coming to school with incorrect footwear will be asked to wear their black PE pumps during the day inside.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to 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, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors (Local Academy Committee and The Trust Board)

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy through the parent voice meetings.
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Uniform

The school uniform is:

Baby Room :

- Grey and white striped t-shirt
- Grey and white striped hoodie
- Grey and white striped romper suit
- Tartan bloomers (optional)
- Children can wear any suitable bottoms.

Pre-School (gold class)

- Yellow polo short with school logo
- Yellow jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Tartan skirts and grey trousers are optional
- Children may wear tracksuit pants
- Children must wear sensible shoes.
- Green bookbag

Nursery

- Jade green polo shirt with school logo
- Jade green v neck jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Tartan elasticated skirt or pinafore (girls)
- Grey trousers (boys/girls)
- Sensible all black school shoes (no trainers)
- Jade green school logo book bag

Reception – Year 2

- Jade green polo shirt with school logo
- Jade green v neck jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Tartan elasticated skirt or pinafore (girls)
- Grey trousers (boys/girls)
- Elasticated tartan school tie (Excluding nursery)
- Sensible all black school shoes (no trainers)
- Jade green school logo book bag
- Jade green school logo PE bag (Reception-year2)

Year 3-Year 6

- White long or short sleeved shirt with school logo
- Jade green v neck jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Tartan kilt, pinafore or elasticated skirt (girls)
- Grey trousers (boys/girls)
- Full School tartan tie
- Sensible all black school shoes (no trainers)
- Purple back pack with school logo
- Jade green PE bag

Summer Term:

Girls may wear a cotton purple and white gingham dress or playsuit (yellow and white for preschool)
Boys may wear tartan or grey shorts.

PE Kit (Reception-Year 6)

- Jade green t-shirt with school logo (changing to black sports t-shirt with school logo September 2024)
- Black shorts
- Black PE pumps/ trainers
- Jade green PE bag with school logo
- Purple and black school PE tracksuit

School Tartan, KS2 purple backpacks are only available from the school uniform shop. Other items are usually available from school or if we have run out of stock from Cumbria Embroidery and Identity.

This policy will be reviewed: July 2025

Agreed by Staff:

Date ___Sept 2023___ Signed: _____ (Headteacher)

Agreed by Governing body:

Date _____Sept 2023_____ Signed : _____(Chair of Governors)