

NORTON CP SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

2022 to 2023



Vision Statement

Nothing is beyond our reach!

Care and challenge engage and motivate us!

Praise reassures and supports us!

Successes are celebrated and built on!

Norton CP School

School Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. Our aim is to provide a uniform policy that is as inclusive as possible and considerate in the implementation of our policy so that all pupils are able to wear the uniform.

Human rights, equality and discrimination considerations

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race relations and sex discrimination.

Norton CP School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

This policy has regard to the:

[Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021](#)

[Human Rights Act 1998](#)

[Equality Act 2010](#)

[School Information \(England\) Regulations 2008](#)

[Education Act 1996 \(sections 449 to 462 set out the law on charging for school activities\)](#)

We have also considered the impact of the policy on pupils who share a protected characteristic.

In developing our uniform policy, we have been sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and will act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline.

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life.

It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school and it enhances security.

We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- By promoting the ethos of the school.
- Uniforms unite and identify the school the school and promote a sense of pride and belonging towards the school.
- Uniforms make us all equal as all pupils come to school looking the same way.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning. It can also be a cause of / encourage cyberbullying.
- Uniforms are practical and smart and are regarded as reasonable and good value for money by parents.

Uniform

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| Black or grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore |
| Blue jumper or cardigan |
| White or blue polo shirt |
| Black, grey or white socks or tights |
| Flat black shoes, trainers or boots - sensible and seasonal |

Summer uniform

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| Blue and white gingham summer dress (optional) |
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PE Kit

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| Black/blue shorts |
| White t-shirt |
| Black/blue jogging bottoms |
| Black/blue jumper or hoody |
| Indoor plimsolls |
| Outdoor trainers |

Generic items are widely available from low-cost outlets which gives parents choice to control the cost of school uniforms. As such, we keep branded items to a minimum.

Uniform is available for online purchase from NextGen Clothing and you can, of course, purchase suitable items from any shop of your choice.

NextGen Clothing Ltd/Schoolshop
Unit 4-5, Handley Court
Elvington Industrial Estate
YO41 4AR
01904 607331

<https://school-shop.co.uk/school/norton-cp-school/>

We hold a small amount of stock in school should you wish to check the sizing.

The provision of second-hand uniform

Second-hand school uniform is available for parents to acquire from the School Offices.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day.

There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the class teacher. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event or topic entry point activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

Jewellery/Accessories

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a micro pore tape (available in school), to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note that school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Printed name labels can be ordered from the school's supplier – <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>