

# School Uniform Policy 2025-26



## School Aims

As a school we are very proud of how smart children look when they come to Highfield Primary School. We encourage individuality and celebrate diversity in our school, but we also recognise the benefits of a collective approach to school uniform and the impact this has on pupil togetherness and solidarity. School uniform promotes harmony between different groups represented within our school, and it enhances security. We expect and demand high standards from all our pupils and this starts with school uniform.

Parents are encouraged to support the vision of the Leadership team and provide their children with the recommended school uniform. The 2019 DfE Statutory document, 'Cost of School Uniforms', forms the basis of this School Uniform Policy. Every effort is made to keep costs down for parents and allow for flexibility in purchasing. Although as a school we have recommended School Uniform providers for school branded items, Rawcliffes / Andrew Hyde, we also encourage parents to 'shop-around' and access supermarket brands and other non-expensive unbranded uniform items.

## Rationale

*The wearing of school uniform is highly recommended for the following reasons:*

1. It unites us as one school family and promotes a sense of pride in the school.
2. It enables a child not only to identify with, but also to be seen as, a member of the school.
3. It assures both parent and teacher that the child is wearing clothes that are smart, sensible and suitable, thus removing the potential problems that fashion and competition could bring about.

## Special Requests for Financial Support

For any parents who cannot afford to purchase school uniform, please speak to Mr Feeley or Mrs Calvert.



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If any children have any specific, individual needs which prohibit them from wearing the recommended school uniform, the child's parents should contact either Mrs Dalgliesh (SEND/CO) or Mr Feeley (Headteacher) to discuss these individual needs.

## Recommended Uniform Provider

Items with the Highfield logo are available from Andrew Hyde online or Rawcliffes clothing store in Oakwood, Leeds (617 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS8)

[Andrew Hyde School Uniform \(ahyde.co.uk\)](http://ahyde.co.uk)

[Home page \(rawcliffesleeds.co.uk\)](http://rawcliffesleeds.co.uk)

Second hand uniform can be purchased during our regular sales or by request through the office.

## School Uniform list

<b>Uniform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grey formal trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt</li><li>• White polo shirt (either with / without Highfield logo) / shirt</li><li>• Bottle green polo shirt</li><li>• Bottle green jumper or cardigan (either with / without Highfield logo)</li><li>• Optional green and white gingham summer dress</li><li>• Grey / green tights</li><li>• Grey / white socks</li><li>• Black shoes (not trainers)</li></ul>
<b>PE kit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain white short sleeved t-shirt (either with / without Highfield logo)</li><li>• Black shorts</li><li>• Black jogging bottoms or leggings</li><li>• Highfield hoodie (optional)</li><li>• Trainers (Yr1-Yr6)</li><li>• Black pumps/plimsols (Reception)</li></ul>
<b>Swimming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swimming trunks / shorts / 1 piece costume</li><li>• Towel</li></ul>
<b>Coats, jackets and outdoor clothing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A warm, waterproof coat</li><li>• Hats, gloves, scarves, wellies when needed</li><li>• Sun hats when appropriate</li></ul>
<b>Footwear</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suitable plain, black shoes (Velcro fastening if your child cannot tie their own shoe laces)</li><li>• Trainers / Pumps for PE</li></ul> <p>Open toed sandals are not considered suitable footwear for school.</p>



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	Alternative footwear may be worn, if recommended by Orthotic feet specialists. Evidence to be provided by parents if this is applicable.
<b>Accessories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School bags should be small enough to fit on a cloakroom peg.</li><li>• Highfield book bags are available (Rec and KS1)</li><li>• Watches and fitbits may be worn. Smartwatches must not be worn in school</li><li>• Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. All jewellery must be removed for PE sessions by the child. Earrings will be covered with tape if they haven't been removed.</li><li>• Nail varnish isn't to be worn.</li></ul>

## **PE days**

PE kits must be provided for children to wear on the day they have PE. This can either be sent on the designated day or sent and kept in school.

Children **must** have a complete change of clothes for PE, following the school uniform list.

Children who do not have appropriate PE kit will be provided with 'spare' kit, wherever possible. A note reminding parents of the expectations will be sent.

All jewellery must be removed during PE lessons and swimming lessons.

## **Adverse Weather**

### ***Cold weather***

Children should have appropriate clothing in school for outdoor activities. This includes scarves, gloves, coats and hats. Additional layers underneath the usual school uniform are accepted.

Appropriate footwear can be brought into school to change into for walking to/from school and for going outside eg. Wellies or snow boots.

### ***Hot weather***

During hot weather pupils are not required to wear their jumpers / cardigans. Wherever possible children should be provided with sun-safe hats and wear sunscreen. The 'once a day sunscreen' is usually enough, however children can bring sunscreen that can be applied by themselves. This must be named and handed to the child's class teacher.

## **Labelling of school uniform**

Each year, hundred of items of unclaimed school uniform are left in school. Without clear labelling, staff cannot be expected to re-unite lost items with their owners. Printed or sewn in labels are highly recommended as they do not run or fade in the wash.



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At the end of each term following an opportunity for collection of 'lost property', any unclaimed items of school uniform will be recycled or disposed of by the school. This includes water bottles and footwear.

## Water bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school every day; this can be refilled by children whenever necessary during the day.

Water bottles should contain only water.

Water bottles must be labelled with the pupil's name.

## Appendix

The following documents were used to inform this policy;

### Government advice

[Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

[School uniforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

### Footwear advice

[Children's School Shoes, What Should We Do? | Footfocus Podiatry](#)

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