



School Uniform Policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Headteacher who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible, for example, by only asking that the jumper or cardigan features the school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups or classes
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

Boys and Girls School Uniform

- ❖ Green Zaytouna branded sweatshirt or cardigan (required)
- ❖ White polo shirt / shirt / blouse
- ❖ Black trousers / skirt
- ❖ Black shoes (no trainers/sandals)
- ❖ ¾ trousers and green check dress for Summer

Boys and Girls PE Kit

- ❖ Green Zaytouna branded sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie (required)
- ❖ Plain white t-shirt / long or short sleeved polo shirt (Zaytouna logo optional)
- ❖ Plain green shorts and/or black jogging bottoms
- ❖ Black pumps or trainers

Swimming Kit

To be obtained only when children have swimming - parents will be given prior notice

- ❖ Swimsuit / shorts
- ❖ Towel
- ❖ Swimming cap and goggles (cap for long hair and goggles if required for medical reasons)

Jewellery and other items

- ❖ Small studded earrings – not to be worn on PE days
- ❖ School bag – green book bag for Early Years (Zaytouna logo optional)
- ❖ School bag – Year 1 upwards – no specific colour/brand
- ❖ Outdoor coat – no specific colour/brand

Optional Friday Uniform

- ❖ Plain black or white Salwar Kamees
- ❖ Plain white thoub
- ❖ Plain black, white or green hijab
- ❖ Plain black, white or green Topi
- ❖ Plain white or black Jilbab

4.2 Where to purchase it

The branded items of the Zaytouna school uniform can be purchased from:

**Morleys School Outfitters,
Unit 2 St Mary's Retail Park,
446 Nottingham Road,
Derby
DE21 6PE
01332 281311**

Most other items of uniform can be obtained from high street supermarkets and other retailers.

4.3 Pre-owned and donated uniform

School welcomes donations of good quality second hand uniform.

This must be washed, ironed and can be donated throughout the school year

All donated uniform will be offered to parents for a small donation, twice a year (once in the Spring term and at the end of the Summer term).

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner following the established Complaints Procedure.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints procedure

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the child's Phase Leader if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by meeting with parents and/or carers and following the school's established systems.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints procedure