



Dundale Primary School & Nursery

‘Belonging, Achieving, Flourishing’

School Uniform Policy

Policy Review	
Review schedule	Annual
Date of Last Review	Autumn 2026
Date of Next Review	Autumn 2027

Introduction

At Dundale Primary School, we believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and helping every pupil feel a sense of belonging. Our uniform also allows children to enjoy a sense of equity, regardless of identity or economic circumstance.

Although our branded uniform can only be purchased online from Mapac or Bucks Schoolwear, the branded elements are not compulsory and this policy aims to detail which elements are considered essential and which can be purchased from cheaper alternative options.

Our school policy on uniform seeks to:

- Instil pride amongst the pupils in their school;
- Ensure pupils of all races, creed/religion and backgrounds feel welcome and included;
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- Nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Provide a sense of belonging and identity
- Help set an appropriate tone for learning

The school follows the DFE non-statutory guidance on school uniform. Every effort is made to ensure that its school uniform policy is fair and reasonable. When making decisions about uniform we consider:

- Affordability
- Availability
- Impact on teaching and learning
- Sustainable sourcing
- Health and safety
- The Human Rights Act 1998, Equality Act 2010 and anti-discrimination legislation
- Temporary or permanent medical conditions and additional needs.

Branded School Uniform

The school uses two companies to provide branded uniform with the school logo, Mapac and Bucks Schoolwear. However, there is no requirement for parents to use these suppliers.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/dundaleprimaryschoolhp235dj>
www.bucksschoolwearplus.co.uk

Mapac and Bucks Schoolwear specialise in providing hard wearing uniforms at reasonable cost, to schools. The uniform is comfortable and practical. However, parents are welcome to source uniforms elsewhere, provided the colours match those outlined below.

Recycled and Nearly-New Uniform

We are happy to receive donations of school uniform that have the school logo on that are no longer needed. Nearly-new uniform is available in a variety of sizes from the school office to offer a more sustainable and cost effective option. We also place siblings in the same house so that it is easier for families to reuse items that no longer fit an older sibling.

Parents' Responsibilities

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is clean and clearly labelled with the child's name.

Parents should contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment or adaptation to the uniform policy in relation to:

- their child's protected characteristics
- concerns about the cost of the uniform

Jewellery

Children are asked not to wear jewellery to school. A school day is busy and active and we want children to run and play without fear of injury. If pupils wear studs in their ears they will be asked to remove them for PE or cover them with micropore tape.

Analogue watches are permitted but school will accept no responsibility for loss or damage. Children are not allowed to wear smart watches in school and must be handed in at the office in line with the mobile phone procedure.

Make Up

Children are not allowed to wear any form of makeup, nail varnish, false nails or gels to school

Hair

We ask that long hair is tied back off the face allowing children to learn and play safely, without distraction. Hair bands and ties should be safe and practical in neutral colours or school blue.

Dundale School Uniform Expectations and Requirements:

Uniform Items	School logo option available	Specifications and minimum requirements
Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan	This item is only available from Mapac and Bucks Schoolwear, the two school uniform suppliers. (preferred)	Unbranded plain blue jumper/cardigan without school logo is acceptable.
White polo shirt, shirt or blouse (Reception to Year 6)	No logo required	Plain white polo shirt acceptable. In cold weather a blue or white long sleeve polo shirt or roll neck jumper may be worn under the sweatshirt
Charcoal grey or black • Trousers • Shorts • Culottes • Skirts • Pinafores • Skorts	No logo required	Charcoal grey, black or navy blue. Jeans, leggings and fashion trousers are not appropriate
Summer dresses in blue gingham or blue striped	No logo required	Skorts and culottes versions are fine as long as they are in blue gingham or blue striped
• Socks • Tights	No logo required	White, black, grey or navy
Coats	No logo required	A waterproof coat is essential when the weather is cold and wet. There is no expectation regarding colour or style.
Shoes/footwear <i>Please note the school site can get muddy in winter and the children go outside in most weathers throughout the year.</i>	No logo required	• One pair of smart, black school shoes. Slipper type shoes are not suitable. • Change of outdoor shoes to wear for outdoor PE and playtimes (no specified colour or type). They need to be robust and we suggest you avoid designer labels. Most wear trainers.
PE kit: • Black or navy shorts • Plain White or white T-shirt with logo (cooler weather) • Navy or black jogging bottoms	Mapac supply T-shirts with school logo (preferred but not essential)	A change of clothes for PE is needed for hygiene reasons. A plain white T-shirt (NO branded logos or football shirts) should be worn.

Equality and Discrimination Considerations

As a school we support equality, and in implementing this uniform policy we aim to meet the needs of children with protected characteristics. Our aim is to ensure this is done in a way which is accessible and non-discriminatory, without compromising safety or discipline within the school. Wherever possible uniform requirements are gender neutral.

Complaints and Disputes over Uniform

Our uniform specifications are as flexible as possible in the hope that we minimise cost and complications for parents. We are happy to discuss any concerns about the school's policy on school uniform so that problems can be resolved quickly. Any concerns over the quality of uniform should be raised with the supplier.

Non-Compliance

Where there is a serious breach of the uniform policy (such as clothing with offensive or inappropriate logos/graphics) the school will follow the behaviour policy in a proportionate way. No pupil will be penalised for decisions beyond their control.

This policy has been written using guidance and adheres to legislation from:

- Equality Act 2010
- Schools Information (England) Regulations 2008
- Pupil Premium; Funding and Accountability for Schools 2014 (updated 2017)
- SEND Code of Practice 2014
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>
- DfE Behaviour and Discipline in Schools: Advice for Headteachers and Schools January 2016
- Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England 2017

This policy does not stand alone and is used alongside other school policies including:

- Behaviour Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- SEND Policy