

Clifton Primary School



School Uniform Policy

'Bringing out the Best in Each and Every Child'

Rationale:

At Clifton Primary School, we believe that wearing school uniform helps children to feel a sense of belonging and pride in being part of our school community. Wearing the same uniform promotes equality, encourages a positive attitude to learning and helps children feel ready for the school day.

School uniform also helps to create a shared identity, ensuring that all children feel included, regardless of their background. It can reduce peer pressure around clothing and allow children to focus on what really matters – learning, making friends and enjoying school.

We also recognise that the cost of school uniform can place unnecessary pressure on families. That is why we are committed to keeping our uniform as affordable as possible. All of our uniform items, with the exception of our branded sweatshirts, cardigans and optional PE hoodies, are widely available from a range of low-cost retailers or supermarkets.

Winter uniform:

- Red jumper or cardigan with our school logo
- Plain unbranded white polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt or pinafore dresses
- Grey/black /white socks or tights within these same colours
- Black shoes (with no other colours upon them including the soles or decorative details)

Summer uniform (optional):

- Grey shorts
- White polo shirt
- Red gingham dress

PE kit:

All children should attend school wearing their PE kits on the two designated days given to each year group at the start of each academic year. This is the required PE kit.

- Red PE polo (school logo optional). These can also be bought from a range of clothing stores or supermarkets.
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms, leggings or loose-fitting knee length black PE shorts (no cycling

shorts allowed). The current branded Clifton jogging bottoms are optional.

- Our optional branded red PE hoodie may be worn if desired. Alternatively, a plain red hoodie or zip-up is also allowed. This can be bought from a range of supermarkets.
- Trainers or pumps must be plain black all over (including the sole and any decorative details too).

School Bags:

Children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 should have a school book bag in which to keep their reading book and library book in (these are always provided for children by our PTFA upon their enrolment here at Clifton). Children in year 3-6 can bring a small back pack.

Make-Up:

Make-up is not permitted. Pupils wearing make-up are required to remove it or, if appropriate, will be sent home to remove it. False nails and nail extensions are not permitted.

Nail varnish is not permitted. There may be exceptions to the above in extreme circumstances, at the Head teacher's discretion, e.g. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage.

Labelling:

Parents and Carers must ensure that all pupils' belongings in school, including uniform, are clearly labelled with their name. Any lost clothing is taken to the lost property area by the school office. All lost property is retained for one half term, and is redistributed to the families in need if it is not collected within this time. Where items are named, we can return these to the child. The school cannot take responsibility for unnamed items of uniform or clothing.

School jumpers, cardigans and PE tops with logos in our school colours are available to buy from Top Marque (St Annes) and unbranded items are widely available elsewhere.

Health and Safety:

There are several health and safety issues which inform our school policy as follows:

- No jewellery except one pair of stud earrings are permitted. These should be removed for P.E./Swimming. (If children are unable to take studs out themselves these should be left at home on such days. School staff are not permitted to remove any earrings).
- Watches are permitted but smart watches are not allowed.
- Long hair should always be tied back and hair accessories should be small, discreet and in school colours.

Pre-loved uniform:

We have a uniform donation point at school, which allows parents to donate good-quality items of uniform for re-use, all year round. This is an opportunity to recycle and reuse, reducing our impact on the environment. Members of the PTFA and staff team check through the donated items to make sure they are suitable to donate and reuse. People are welcome to enquire within to look at our preloved uniform options.

Important Points to Note:

From September 2026, the above uniform policy will be coming into place across the whole of Clifton Primary School (with the exception of Preschool who have their own uniform policy).

As with all new things, it is important to allow for a small grace period and level of understanding during transitioning periods. Therefore, we will be giving additional leeway and understanding on minor uniform violations until the first day back of our Spring term in January 2027. From this day onwards, our teaching and Senior Leadership Team will be enforcing the above-mentioned school uniform policy on a day-to-day basis.

Policy updated 16/07/2026

The School Uniform policy will be reviewed and modified on a regular basis at least every two years or when legislation makes this necessary. It is possible to add amendments to this document prior to a review and these will be incorporated into the next issue. To add comments please complete the information on this sheet adding the date and signing where indicated.

Name of person responsible for this policy is: Liam Marshall (Headteacher)