

ABBHEY HILL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Headteacher signature:	
Chair of Governors' signature:	



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AIMS

Through this policy, we aim to ensure that we promote an atmosphere of pride in our school, a sense of belonging and a regard for high standards and expectations in what it means to be an Abbeyhillian.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

- It reinforces our school value of PRIDE in being an Abbeyhillian
- It looks smart and gives a sense of identity and belonging
- It promotes equality and reduces difficulties caused by possible inappropriate styles or logos
- It sets an appropriate tone for education

The DfE* 'strongly encourage' schools to have a uniform, "as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education"

**This policy may therefore be subject to an early review in the event of any changes to Government Guidance.*

OUR EXPECTATIONS

We expect all children to wear school uniform and encourage them to maintain a good standard of clean and tidy dress in school, taking pride in being Abbeyhillians.

The Governing body at Abbey Hill Primary and Nursery School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.

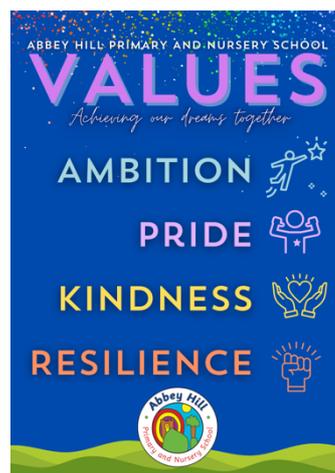
However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Headteacher.

A letter will be issued to parents of children who are continually failing to adhere to the Uniform Policy. Where an Abbeyhillian displays deliberate non-compliance, this may be considered a behaviour issue and dealt with in accordance with school's behaviour policy.

This Policy has been written giving consideration to DfE Non-Statutory Uniform Guidance ([link](#))

SCHOOL-BRANDED ITEMS

Although items displaying the school badge are available for purchased, this is not a requirement and remains a family choice.



OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IS AS FOLLOWS:

 <p>A dark blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt</p>	 <p>A white or pale blue polo shirt or white shirt or blouse</p>	 <p>Grey or black trousers</p>
 <p>Grey or black pinafore</p>	 <p>Grey or black skirt of appropriate length</p>	 <p>Black safe and sensible shoes – no high heels</p>
 <p>Tights (optional) black, grey or skin-tone</p>	<p><i>*Year 6 are issued with a tie (paid by school) which is optional until Summer 2. Replacements may be chargeable.</i></p>	

SUMMER OPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS

 <p>Grey or black shorts</p>	 <p>Blue Gingham summer dress</p>	<p>Children are encouraged to bring Sun hats and sunglasses</p>
<p><i>*Year 6 pupils must wear a tie in Summer 2 as part of their transition to secondary school. Removal of this on exceptionally warm days will be factored in by staff working with Year 6.</i></p>		

Uniform with the school logo is sold from the school office but there is no requirement to choose this – it is a matter of parental choice. Plain uniform may be bought at most supermarkets and other outlets. The school also has a pre-loved stock of uniform donated by other parents.



P.E. KIT

P.E. kit should be worn to school on P.E. days. For health and safety reasons it is important that no jewellery is worn during P.E. or swimming.

Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed in order to participate. We will not provide plasters or tape earrings back.

OUR P.E. UNIFORM IS:

T-shirt	White
Shorts	Dark blue or black
Trainers	Preferably dark colours
Tracksuit bottoms or leggings	Preferably dark colours without inappropriate logos
Tracksuit tops or sports tops	Preferably dark colours without inappropriate logos

SWIMMING KIT:

If children do not have the correct swimming kit, staff at the swimming pool **will not** permit them to have their swimming lesson.

Swimming costume not a bikini

Fitted swimming trunks not baggy or long swimming shorts

Plain swimming hat to cover long hair

A towel from home

Swimming goggles (optional)

A permission slip must be completed for children wishing to wear goggles

Information about swimwear is shared with parents prior to children beginning their swimming course. Swimming pool staff reserve the right to deny pupils entry to the pool due to their swimwear. School does not override the decision of the swimming instructors.



JEWELLERY

Jewellery must not be worn for health and safety reasons. Where ears are pierced, only small studs are permitted. Exceptions can only be made for medical or religious reasons.

Children should be able to remove their earrings for PE. If they cannot do this themselves, they should not wear them to school on those days. We kindly encourage families who may be planning to have their child's ears pierced to try to have them done at the beginning of the summer holiday so they have time to heal before school resumes in September so that children can enjoy the fullness of the PE curriculum.

No other jewellery should be worn. If a child wears jewellery to school, they will be told to take it off and look after it themselves for the rest of the day. No liability will be accepted by the school if it goes missing.

A plain, functional wristwatch may be worn. We do not allow smart watches.

OTHER ASPECTS OF THE POLICY

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being at school. Long hair should be tied back. Extreme hairstyles including unnaturally coloured dyes (e.g. bright, red, blue, pink, green, etc) are not acceptable at school and we thank families for their support with this.

Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and should be removed without trace. A child coming to school with fake tattoos showing will be asked to remove them.

Make up, false nails and nail polish/varnish (e.g. gel) should not be worn.

In extreme or severe weather, in accordance with our Severe Weather Policy, school may communicate adjustments to the uniform to ensure the comfort of pupils. The DfE advises schools to "take a sensible approach to allow for exceptions to be made during extreme weather – for example, allowing pupils to wear shorts in very hot weather or allowing trousers to be worn instead of skirts in very cold weather". This will be communicated to families.



INCLUSION AND ADAPTATIONS:

We believe that all of our pupils should dress in a way that shows they belong to the Abbey Hill family. A uniform gives children a sense of pride, helps them feel part of a team, and – most importantly - contributes to a strong sense of belonging which is so important to school life. Wearing our badge should be something Abbeyhillians are proud of.

However, we also understand that some children may have sensory sensitivities to certain clothing items, which may mean that adaptations or adjustments are needed. Feeling comfortable and settled at school is important and we will always work with families to find solutions that support our Abbeyhillians.

Where adaptations are needed, we ask that families make choices that support their child's comfort and regulation, while still with the overall appearance of our school uniform wherever possible. This will include selecting items in our school colours but have different fastenings or collars.

If you feel your child has sensitivities to certain uniform items, or difficulties with fastenings and would benefit from wearing alternative clothing please talk to your child's teacher or Mrs Hardy, the SENCo.

NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL

In Pre-School and Nursery families can choose to dress their child in the Abbey Hill School uniform or the clothes they wear at home. Many of our families choose for their child to wear School Uniform.

COST AND WHERE TO BUY

Uniform can be purchased:

- at the school office for uniform with school logo
- at any major supermarket for plain uniform
- from the pre-loved uniform store in school. This has been donated as children move to secondary school or grow out of a size. This is of good quality and has been thoroughly cleaned.

Please ask at the office or contact Sam on 07826 555232 or the office on 016234841512 if you would like to look at the preloved uniform.

School has carefully considered the cost of its uniform and has explored the availability of school-uniform items locally and at low cost, including local supermarkets. School communicates with parents when it becomes aware of uniform offers to signpost parents to reductions.

