



Christleton Primary School
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Uniform Policy

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Intent

Our policy has been created with health and safety, value for money, and practicality at its heart. It has been designed to ensure pupils wear clothing conducive to a successful learning environment. It is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging and community through a smart and practical uniform.

We believe a uniform allows all pupils, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for activities to be facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing such as sports specific attire.

Christleton Primary School is committed to ensuring equality and value for money, and that no pupil is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background – this policy contains provisions to meet these objectives.

Legislative framework

This policy has due regard to statutory legislation and national guidance, including, but not limited to the following:

- The Education and Inspections Act 2006
- The Education Act 2011
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The Equality Act 2010
- DfE (2014) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2013) 'School uniform'

Cost and availability

Christleton Primary School is committed to fulfilling the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care has been taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and potential pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

Christleton Primary School works with multiple suppliers to obtain the best value for money.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes into account the views of parents and pupils when considering changes to school uniforms.

Where wholesale changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents who may struggle to meet the associated costs.

Religious clothing

Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. Christleton Primary School does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school must weigh the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community. The school endeavours to allow most religious requirements to be met. Parents' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the headteacher and governing board, and always in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Equality

The school is required to ensure that the Uniform Policy does not discriminate unlawfully. Every step has been taken by Christleton Primary School to ensure that the cost of girls' and boys' uniforms are not disproportionate.

Pupils identifying as a member of the opposite sex are able to adapt uniform regulations in line with the school's equality and inclusion policies.

Complaints and challenges

The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy. When a complaint is received, the school works with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome. Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances

Breaching the school uniform policy / Non-compliance

It is the headteacher's responsibility to make sure pupils keep to the rules.

The headteacher and teaching staff can discipline pupils for breaching the Uniform Policy, in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Parents will be informed by letter if children are without proper uniform and no communication has been received from parents. This will also include when children do not have their full kit for physical education lessons.

Exclusions on the grounds of breaches of this uniform policy should only be used in cases where breaches of the policy are persistent and clearly defiant.

Uniform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue crewneck sweatshirt bearing the school emblem. <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue cardigan with school emblem. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sky blue polo shirt preferably with the school emblem. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy / grey trousers / short trousers / skirt or pinafore. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain white, grey, black or navy socks. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black / Dark shoes 	
Summer uniform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short trousers can be worn instead of trousers. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue and white Gingham checked/ striped dress. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polo shirts can be worn without sweatshirts 	
Optional	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Optional royal blue fleece or reversible fleece with school emblem. 	
Footwear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensible black or dark brown shoes or plain black trainers. These should have flat soles and should ideally be of a waterproof material. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ballet pump type shoes or plimsolls. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No sandals, flip flops or open toed shoes. 	

All pupils are expected to participate in physical education lessons. However, in exceptional circumstances pupils may be excused from a physical education lesson for a medical reason – provided a letter from home to this effect had been given to the class teacher. In this event, pupils are still required to bring their PE kit in order to participate in lessons to the extent possible, for example acting as an umpire.

Physical Education (PE)	
Summer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue t-shirt preferably with the school emblem <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dark black or navy PE shorts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of socks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pumps and trainers for outdoor sports 	
Winter	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> During the winter months (October half-term to the end of the spring term) a track suit may be worn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PE Hoodie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No colourful leggings 	
Swimming	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shorts / trunks or a one-piece swimming costume <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A towel and bag to keep wet kit separate from dry. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A pair of goggles (optional) would also be very useful 	

Our uniform policy also covers aspects such as jewellery, make-up and hair. The table below provides an overview of these areas.

Jewellery

- Jewellery should not be worn other than watches and plain stud earrings (silver or gold colour). It may be requested that a watch is not worn if it proves to be a distraction to the child within lesson time.
- Watches with games or cameras are not permitted.
- The jewellery is the responsibility of the child to look after and should be removed during physical education lessons or covered with a plaster.
- Pupils are not permitted to wear any other jewellery in the school grounds due to health and safety risks.

Make-up

- Christleton Primary School does not consider make-up appropriate and pupils are not permitted to wear any such products. However, there may be exceptions in extreme circumstances, at the headteacher's discretion (i.e. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage).
- No nail varnish should be worn by children in school.

Hair

- Christleton Primary School reserves the right to make a judgement on the suitability or unsuitability of pupils' hair and appearance.
- Extreme hairstyles, such as Mohawks and patterned or brightly coloured hair are unacceptable.
- Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk i.e. it should be tied back during physical education lessons.
- Bandana style headbands and flowers/bows or excessive hair accessories are not to be worn. However, plain hair clips or bands are acceptable
- Protective hairstyles, such as cornrows, are permitted for those with afro-textured hair. Other hairstyles may be exempt from the rule above on religious grounds, taking into account each individual person's scenario.

Hot weather

Everyone working at/attending the school during daylight hours will be required to wear sun-safe clothing which covers as much of their skin as possible. This includes wearing

- Loose fitting shirts and dresses with sleeves and collars or covered necklines.
- Longer style skirts, shorts or trousers.
- Tops that cover the shoulder area.

During hot weather, lightweight clothing will be required in order to reduce the risk of overheating.

Pupils will be advised not to wear their jumpers or blazers during heatwaves

Children not wearing sun-safe clothing will be required to play in an area protected from the sun, or spare clothing may be provided if possible.

It is advised that pupils wear UC protected sunglasses

Labelling

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.



Examples of plain black trainers which would be suitable for school



Examples of trainers with logos, colours, different coloured soles, which would not be suitable

