



Veritas Primary Academy

Uniform Policy

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1. Policy Statement

At Veritas Primary Academy, we believe that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of belonging and pride in our school community.
- Helps create a positive learning environment.
- Encourages equality and reduces visible differences between pupils.
- Supports high standards of behaviour and presentation.
- Contributes to the safety and security of all pupils.

We expect all pupils to wear the correct school uniform every day unless otherwise notified by the school.

We recognise that our pupils are young children and therefore any concerns regarding uniform will be directed to parents/carers rather than raised with pupils, except where immediate health, safety or welfare considerations make this necessary.

2. School Uniform Requirements

- Gold Sweatshirts or cardigans (branded)
- White polo shirts (with logo or plain)
- Charcoal Grey uniform trousers and skirts (no tracksuit bottoms)
- Grey, black or white plain tights
- Plain black shoes, no coloured laces; plain practical black trainers (no logos); or plain black boots (no heels)

Summer Uniform

During the summer term or in warm weather pupils may wear:

- Green and white gingham dress or grey pinafore dresses
- Grey tailored shorts
- Summer footwear should be plain and sensible (no flimsy, strappy or heeled sandals) in black, brown or white.

3. Physical Education (PE) Kit

Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE days where requested.

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings (for colder weather)
- Plain black sweatshirt or hoodie (optional)
- Trainers suitable for physical activity

Jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. If earrings cannot be removed by the child, they should be covered with tape provided by parents.

4. Jewellery, Hair and Appearance

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons:

- A wristwatch may be worn.
- One pair of small stud earrings may be worn.
- No other jewellery should be worn in school.

Hair

- Hairstyles should be appropriate for a primary school environment.
- Long hair should be tied back where necessary for safety.
- Extreme hairstyles, patterns shaved into hair or brightly coloured hair are not permitted.

Hair Accessories

- Should be practical, safe and in school colours where possible.
- Large bows or accessories which may be distracting are discouraged.

Make-up and Nail Products

Primary-aged pupils should not wear:

- Make-up
- False eyelashes
- Nail varnish
- Acrylic or false nails

These items may pose health and safety risks and are not appropriate for school.

5. Religious and Cultural Dress

Veritas Primary Academy respects and values cultural diversity and religious beliefs.

Reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate religious or cultural requirements, provided they are safe, practical and compatible with school activities.

Parents are encouraged to discuss any requirements with the Headteacher.

6. Labelling and Personal Property

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

The school cannot accept responsibility for items that are lost or misplaced where they are not named.

7. Financial Assistance

We recognise that families may experience financial difficulties.

The school will seek to keep uniform requirements reasonable and affordable and may provide support through:

- Access to free pre-loved uniform
- Uniform swap events
- Signposting to local support schemes
- Assistance from school hardship funds where available

Parents requiring support should contact the school office in confidence.

8. Non-Compliance

Where a pupil attends school in incorrect uniform:

- Staff will not routinely discuss uniform concerns directly with pupils.
- Staff will speak sensitively with the parents to establish the reason.
- The school will work with families to resolve any difficulties.
- Pupils will not be excluded from education because they are unable to comply with uniform requirements due to financial hardship.

The school reserves the right to challenge repeated breaches of this policy where no reasonable explanation has been provided.

9. Roles and Responsibilities

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that pupils:

- Attend school in the correct uniform.
- Bring the correct PE kit when required.
- Have all items clearly labelled.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to:

- Wear their uniform with pride.
- Look after their belongings.
- Follow school expectations regarding appearance.

School

The school will:

- Apply this policy consistently and fairly.
- Support families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform requirements.
- Ensure uniform expectations are communicated clearly.

10. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body and Headteacher to ensure it remains appropriate, affordable and compliant with current guidance.