



Kenn Church of England Primary School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Adopted by the Governing Board June 2026

The Governing Board, in consultation with the Headteacher, expects all pupils to wear the agreed school uniform. We believe it is important because it looks smart, wears well, contributes a sense of belonging, gives a common purpose, fosters a feeling of pride and reduces 'fashion competition' between children.

This policy has been developed with regard to:

- Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021
 - Department for Education Statutory Guidance: Cost of School Uniforms (2021, updated 2025)
 - Equality Act 2010
 - Human Rights Act 1998
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1. The choice of provider should be with the parents, to enable them to shop around for the most cost-effective options which will ensure their child meets the school's uniform code.
 2. Parents will be consulted before introducing a new uniform policy/dress code.
 3. Concerns or complaints regarding the implementation of this policy should be raised in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy.
 4. The school staff will encourage all pupils to wear their uniform, but pupils who do not do so will not be discriminated against. Persistent non-wearing of the uniform should be discussed with the parents.
 5. The school will make reasonable adjustments where necessary to accommodate pupils' religion, belief, disability, medical needs, sensory needs, cultural requirements or protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.
 6. Staff will be expected to maintain a standard of personal appearance, which offers pupils a good role model.
 7. Parents are recommended to mark all items of clothing with their child's name.
 8. The school cannot be responsible for pupils' personal belongings.
 9. Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the school confidentially to discuss available support.

The Governing Board is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform is reasonable and does not become a barrier to attendance, participation or inclusion.

In developing and reviewing this policy, the school will ensure:

- ensure that no branded uniform items are compulsory;
- ensure uniform items can be purchased from a range of retailers where possible;

- consider the total cost of uniform for families
- regularly review uniform requirements to ensure value for money

Second-Hand Uniform

Kenn Church of England Primary School supports the use of good-quality second-hand uniform. Information about the availability of second-hand uniform will be provided to parents through the school office and school website.

The school will seek to ensure that second-hand uniform is available throughout the year.

Recommended uniform

Pupils may wear any item of uniform listed within this policy regardless of gender.

- Dark grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers or shorts
- White shirt/ polo shirt
- Burgundy Cardigan, fleece or sweatshirt
- Grey, black, white or burgundy socks or tights
- Low heeled black shoes or plain smart trainers
- Summer dress red & white check/stripe
- White or plain closed toe sandals – to provide good and safe support for feet at playtime. No crocs, at any time for safety reasons.
- Sunhat to be provided in the summer.

PE

- PE kit includes the following items
- PE bag
- House team colour t-shirt
- Black/grey shorts
- Change of socks
- Plimsolls for Foundation pupils or trainers for older children, to reflect the level of activity undertaken
- Track suit bottoms and sweater for outdoor wear
- Year 6 may wear their Leaver's sweatshirts in the final half term for PE.

Hair

Plain hair bands. Hair should be neat, safe and appropriate for school activities. Long hair should be tied back when required for health, safety or practical reasons.

Jewellery

Watch and ear studs are permitted. No other jewellery is permitted except where required for religious, cultural or medical reasons.

Nail Varnish

Not permitted

Swimming Kit

A swimming kit is needed for the Summer Term for pupils in Key Stage 2. Swimming goggles may be worn with written parental consent.

Outdoor Clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather.

Special Provision

Some children may be admitted into school at short notice and so items of uniform should be kept in school to be available for them. (Second hand, good condition for temporary use.)

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Board will review this policy every four years, or sooner if legislation or statutory guidance changes.

The Headteacher will monitor the implementation of the policy and report any significant issues to governor

Date	Reviewed By	Nature of Change	Next Review Date
December 2024	Lorraine Curry Executive Head Teacher	Individual policy created for Kenn	December 2028 or as required
June 2026	Lorraine Curry Headteacher	Terminology updated in line with leadership structure from 1 May 2026	June 2030