



## ROSE GREEN INFANT SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

School uniform is important because it plays a key role in:

- Promoting the ethos of our school
- Providing a sense of belonging and identity
- Setting an appropriate tone for education

A school uniform creates a common identity amongst all our pupils, regardless of background, and so is a 'social leveller'. This can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear more expensive clothes. However, uniform should never place an unreasonable financial burden on families; at Rose Green Infant School, we believe that parents / carers should not have to think about the cost of the uniform when they are choosing which school to send their child to.

In developing our uniform policy, the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team considered:

- How uniform can create a shared identity and common sense of purpose
- What is practically required for classroom lessons and sports sessions
- Our obligations under the Equality Act 2010
- Safeguarding and health and safety considerations
- What parents/carers and pupils would like

### Our Supplier

We currently use School Trends as our uniform supplier. They can provide items (polo shirts, PE shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans) with our school logo on, but **there is no obligation for parents/carers to buy items with a logo on** – we are equally happy for children to wear non-logo items of the correct colour, which can be purchased at a range of retail outlets and supermarkets.

Uniform can be ordered online using a credit or debit card at [schooltrends.co.uk](http://schooltrends.co.uk)

They offer a 'direct to parents' service where uniform can be delivered direct to the parent's/carer's home address, subject to a delivery charge of £3.99. Alternatively, we also hold some stock in the office at school, which can be purchased with cash or cheque only.

In order that we continue to offer value for money but also meet the wishes of parents/carers and pupils, we review our agreement with our supplier at least every three years.

### Pre-Loved Uniform

We recognise that children can grow out of uniform very quickly, while it still has plenty of life left in it! In order to offer an option that is both low cost and eco-friendly, we have a rail of pre-loved uniform that has been donated to the school. Items are sold at a very reasonable price. Parents/carers should ask at the office if they'd like to view the rail. We are happy to offer an item of clothing to parents/carers of children eligible for Free School Meals at no cost, as and when it is needed.

### Our Uniform

We have two options for school uniform and one PE kit:

<p><b>Option 1</b></p> <p>White or red polo shirt Red cardigan or sweatshirt Grey skirt or pinafore Sensible shoes, not trainers (no backless shoes or crocs, etc.)</p> <p>Summer option: red and white dress or skirt (stripe or check)</p>	<p><b>Option 2</b></p> <p>White or red polo shirt Red cardigan or sweatshirt Grey or black trousers Sensible shoes, not trainers (no backless shoes or crocs, etc.)</p> <p>Summer option: Grey or black shorts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE Kit</b> Green PE shorts Red t-shirt Plimsolls</p> <p>A dark coloured pair of jog bottoms/leggings and a hoodie or sweatshirt will be required in the Autumn and Spring terms for outside PE lessons. It is also suggested that a pair of trainers will be more waterproof and might offer better support in the winter months, but this is optional.</p> <p>Children in Reception will not require a PE kit until after the October half term.</p>	

No jewellery is permitted in school, other than a wrist watch and one pair of stud earrings. For health and safety reasons, watches and earrings must be removed for PE. If it is not possible to remove the earrings, they should be covered with microporous tape, which should be provided by the parent/carer.

Long hair should be tied up, ideally at all times and always during PE.

### Issues with uniform

Where there is an issue with a child not having the correct uniform, we would always encourage the parent/carer to engage with us, so that we can work in partnership to resolve this issue if it continues long term. We understand that sometimes items break, or are not washed in time, for example. We encourage parents/carers to notify us of these issues. Children will not be sanctioned for wearing incorrect uniform.

### Religions or Beliefs

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner.

We are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and will act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as health and safety. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within our school uniform policy and our governing board will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

## **Discrimination**

In developing and implementing our school uniform policy, we have considered our obligations not to discriminate unlawfully, and therefore we do not have boys' and girls' uniforms, just two options that are not gender specific.

## **Complaints**

If parents/carers have a complaint about school uniform, they should follow the school's complaints procedures, which can be found on our website:

[https://www.rosegreeninfant.school/website/concerns\\_and\\_complaints/623349](https://www.rosegreeninfant.school/website/concerns_and_complaints/623349)

This policy was written after consideration of the following legislation and guidance:

[Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021](#)

[School Information \(England\) Regulations 2008](#)

[Equality Act 2010](#)

[Human Rights Act 1998](#)

[Education Act 1996 \(sections 449 to 462 set out the law on charging for school activities\) school uniforms](#)

This policy was written and adopted in September 2022

It will be reviewed every three years or sooner if the uniform supplier is changed.

Date of next review: September 2025