Potterhanworth Church of England Primary School

Uniform Policy



At Potterhanworth, we strive to be a **caring school family where everyone belongs.**

We inspire **joyful learning and high aspirations so that all can thrive**.

We aim to **open our hearts and minds** so that each person can **make a positive difference** in our local community and beyond.

Together, we **grow into happy, responsible and spiritually aware citizens** for our changing world.

"Rooted in God's love, we learn, grow and flourish." (Ephesians 3:17–19)

Policy Approved on	**:**	**September 2026**
Signed on Governor Hub		
Policy Review Date	**:**	**September 2027**

1 Introduction

1.1 It is our school policy that we encourage all children to wear school uniform (as listed in Appendix 1) when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2 Aims and Objectives

2.1 Our policy to encourage school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. All jewellery must be removed whilst swimming at Branston Community Academy Pool. This is the policy of the swimming pool.

4 Extreme Haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is unsafe for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high or block heels in school, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school which may cause a health and safety issue to the child or to others. We encourage all children to wear sensible shoes as stated in the uniform list. If children wear Wellington boots to school, they are asked to bring a change of footwear for inside the school premises.

6 The Role of Parents

6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The Role of Governors

7.1 The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

7.4 Governors will ensure that the school's uniform requirements comply with current statutory guidance on affordability and the limitation of compulsory branded items.

8 Monitoring and Review

8.1 The governing body monitors the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

8.2 Affordability and Branded Uniform Items

- The school is committed to ensuring that school uniform remains affordable and represents good value for money for families. In line with statutory guidance and the requirements introduced from September 2026, the school will keep the number of compulsory branded uniform items to a minimum and will regularly review uniform expectations to ensure they remain reasonable, inclusive and cost-effective.
- Wherever possible, generic items that can be purchased from a range of retailers will be accepted. Branded items will only be required where they are necessary to promote the school's identity or for health and safety reasons. The governing body and Headteacher will review the uniform policy periodically to ensure compliance with statutory requirements regarding school uniform affordability and branded items.
- The school will consider the impact of any proposed changes to uniform requirements on families and will seek to minimise costs wherever possible.

8.3 The policy is reviewed by the Head Teacher.

Appendix 1

School Uniform List

For all children:

We ask that hair of a reasonable length is tied back for health and safety reasons..

Hair bobbles/bands should be plain navy or black. No large bows or hair accessories allowed.

Uniform:

- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or black knee-length skirt/pinafore
- Pale blue checked summer dresses
- White, pale blue or navy shirt/polo shirt
- School sweatshirt/cardigan (or plain navy jumper/cardigan)
- Sensible dark footwear, or plain sandals. Please avoid high heels/large block heels, large buckles and accessories on footwear. (Socks to be worn with all footwear.)
- Plain black, grey or navy socks or tights.

NB: skirts, dresses and pinafores should be knee length

PE kit—all children:

PE kits should include plimsolls and/or trainers (no canvas shoes, please), socks, navy or black shorts, white or blue T-shirt, navy or black tracksuit (or navy/black jogging bottoms/warm top). NB: good gripping soles on PE shoes are required for outdoor sessions.

Please note: we do not allow children to wear football/rugby tops

Uniform is supplied by Nationwide School Uniforms

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Only small stud earrings are acceptable in school for safety reasons.

Jewellery, toys and valuables should not be brought to school. For safety reasons, earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons. Swimming hats are required for all children as part of Branston Academy's pool regulations.

Children are encouraged to bring plastic 'Sipper bottles' filled with water. These should be clearly named. From September 2024 the school will provide a sipper bottle for each child.

Due to the limitations of space, children are asked not to bring large backpacks or other large bags into school. School book/PE bags can be purchased from Nationwide School Uniforms.