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# **Uniform Policy**

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## **APPENDIX 1 – Standard letter to parents**

## 1. RATIONALE

- 1.1 At **Abbott Community Primary School**, we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school; gives a sense of belonging; is practical and smart; reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

## 2. AIMS

- 2.1 All children wear the correct uniform to school.
- 2.2 Children feel proud to belong to the school.
- 2.3 Parents/carers share the same high expectations of the school.

## 3. GUIDELINES

- 3.1 It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate black footwear.
- 3.2 The school website provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn and these details are shared in regular school newsletters.
- 3.3 School uniform can be purchased from SchoolSpider (Whilst stock lasts) or ordered directly from Ziggys Schoolwear in Harpurhey – M9 4DH. ([www.ziggyschoolwearmanchester.co.uk/](http://www.ziggyschoolwearmanchester.co.uk/))
- 3.4 If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to parents/carers.
- 3.5 PE kit should, where possible, be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing.
- 3.6 If a child does not have their PE kit in school, they will be provided with a spare school kit and a reminder letter will be sent home to parents/carers.
- 3.7 Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.
- 3.8 Children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform whilst in school.
- 3.9 There a lost property bin located in the Learning Base. This is accessible throughout the school day. Any items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of.
- 3.10 If there is a reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (e.g. health or religious grounds) then the Governors will consider any such request from a parent/carer.

## 4. UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS (school logo on items is optional)

- 4.1 The Abbott uniform colours are red, black, grey and white.

- 4.2 Children from Nursery – Year 5 wear red sweatshirts with white polo shirts. Children in Year 6 wear black sweatshirts and red or white polo shirts. All children must wear grey or black trousers, skirt (& tights), pinafore or leggings. No jeans are allowed.
- 4.3 Red and black (Year 6 only) school fleeces can also be worn. No other hoodies are allowed.
- 4.4 During the Summer, children may wear red and white gingham dresses, or mid-thigh/knee length shorts.
- 4.5 Black, flat, sensible shoes (no heels) must be worn. These may include trainers, which must be plain black with no bright logos or coloured soles. Any boots worn must also be plain.
- 4.6 If wellies are worn during the winter, flat shoes should also be brought to school to change in to.
- 4.7 We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour (including elaborate hair attire). We really do not want the children being distracted from their learning.
- 4.7.1 Long hair should be tied back at all times during the school day.
- 4.8 “Jewellery” refers to rings, watches, bracelets, neck chains, pendants, brooches, earrings and large hair ornaments.
- 4.8.1 Neck chains, pendants, bracelets and brooches are not permitted, this also includes large hair ornaments and clips.
- 4.8.2 The wearing of studs in pierced ears is permitted. (See 6.2 for further information)
- 4.8.3 Watches are permitted, although we have many clocks around the school so they are really not necessary, particularly for younger children.
- 4.9 No make-up or nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.
- 4.10 No temporary tattoos.

## 5. UNIFORM COSTS (School Spider – Sept 2022)

ITEM	COLOUR	PRICE
Sweatshirt	Red/Black	£9.00
Cardigan	Red/Black	£9.00
Fleece	Red/Black	£10.00
Book bag		£6.00
Backpack Inf/Jun		£8.00/£9.00

Please visit - <https://ziggysschoolwearmanchester.co.uk/> for prices

## **6. PE & SWIMMING**

6.1 PE Kit consists of the following items, which are applicable for the full academic year:

- Plain white t-shirt or school polo shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- A tracksuit is also useful for outdoor activities (any colour is fine for this purpose).

6.2 The wearing of jewellery in PE and swimming lessons constitutes a hazard. Injuries can be caused to the wearer through jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. Similarly contact with jewellery can cause injuries to a third party.

6.3 The school policy is that all jewellery and studs, in pierced ears, must be removed for PE and games lessons. Where removal is not possible, studs in pierced ears must be taped over (provided by the parent/carer).

6.4 In the event of a child not co-operating with either removal of jewellery or taping over of studs in pierced ears for PE and swimming lessons, then they will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

## **7. PARENTS' AND CARERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

7.1 Parents/carers are advised to not allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time. The beginning of the Summer break would be the best time in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal.

7.2 In the event of a child coming to school wearing jewellery that is not in the policy, the child will be asked to remove it or, if that is not possible, the parent/carer will be contacted to attend school to remove it.

## **8. STAFF RESPONSIBILITY**

8.1 Staff will not, under any circumstances, be expected to or allowed to examine pupils to see if jewellery or body piercings are being worn.

8.2 Staff will not be expected to remove any jewellery or studs in pierced ears; this will have to be done by the pupil or by a parent/carer, where possible.

8.3 Staff will not, under any circumstances, take any responsibility for the safekeeping of children's jewellery.

## **9. ROLE OF THE HEAD TEACHER AND GOVERNING BODY**

9.1 The Head teacher is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.

9.2 The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.

9.3 The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

## 10. RACIAL EQUALITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

10.1 All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

10.2 **Abbott Community Primary School** is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

## 11. LIMITING THE COST OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

11.1 Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

11.2 We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

11.3 We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

11.4 We will do this by:

- Allowing our parents/carers to choose if their child wears a jumper with or without a school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Abbott Community Primary is registered on [oldschooluniform.co.uk](http://oldschooluniform.co.uk) where parents can sell and buy second hand uniform between themselves.
- Abbott Community Primary School have a small range of second hand uniform that is available for parents/carers to access by emailing: [admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk) with your child's name and the list of the items you require.