

Amblecote Primary School



'At Amblecote we achieve because in our pupils we believe.'

Uniform Policy

Responsibility for monitoring this policy: Head teacher

Review: annually

Proposed by the Acting Head teacher..........Mrs J. Cook

Approved by Governing Body.......... Mrs C. Roberts (Chair of Governors)

Introduction

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It provides harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

At Amblecote Primary School, we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Amblecote Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, cost effectiveness and practicality at its heart.

Additionally, it is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

There is no requirement to have uniform which displays Amblecote Primary School logo. Our aim is to allow parents the choice of purchasing uniform, which is easily available, at very competitive prices, from local shops, including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is listed below.

Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to all legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Education Act 2011
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- The General Data Protection Regulation
- Data Protection Act 2018

This policy also has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2014) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2023) 'School Uniform'

Roles & Responsibilities

The Governing Body is responsible for:

- In consultation with the Head teacher and school community, establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding the school's uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
- Liaising with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents/carers, pupils, and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and affordable.

The Head teacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that school staff understand this policy and know what to do if a pupil is not adhering to the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the Governing Body.
- Providing pupils with exemptions as appropriate e.g., for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.
- Support families (where appropriate) in ensuring access to uniform.

Teaching and support staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Taking appropriate action when pupils are not adhering to this policy.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important e.g., to establish school identity.

Parents/carers are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform and P.E. uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the Headteacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including the reasons why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.
- Ensuring that all items of uniform are labelled.

We can offer assistance to parents/carers who have difficulties meeting the requirements of the uniform policy. For more information, please contact our office.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the Headteacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Respecting why a school uniform is important to the school e.g., to develop a sense of belonging.

The one exception to this is that a child can come to school in their own clothes on their birthday (if birthdays fall on a weekend or in a holiday, then an alternative day can be arranged with the class teacher).

Parents will be contacted to discuss our uniform policy if children arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing or do not have the correct P.E. uniform. To ensure that they can continue to participate in lessons, school will provide clean spare uniform for children to wear.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies children with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

School Uniform List

There is a school uniform at Amblecote that consists of:

- Red jumper or cardigan
- Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved) or a white polo shirt
- School tie **(only required in Year 6)**
- Grey shorts or trousers.
- Grey pinafore or a **pleated** skirt – skirts should be of an appropriate length, no shorter than 3” above the knee
- In summer, a red and white gingham summer dress, playsuit or culottes style shorts may be worn
- Plain grey or white knee socks (not over the knee), white or grey ankle socks or plain grey tights

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos. If boots are worn to walk to school, these should be swapped to plain black school shoes whilst in school. If boots are worn instead of shoes, the children will be asked to change into their P.E. pumps whilst inside the school building.

P.E. Uniform

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their P.E. lesson wearing their P.E. uniform. They can wear it for the full school day. Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for P.E.

Amblecote Primary P.E. Uniform is:

- Plain black or navy shorts (No logos). These are required for all indoor P.E. lessons. Shorts should be of an appropriate length
- Plain white round neck t-shirt (No logos)
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms
- Plain black or navy sweatshirt/zip up jacket for outdoor lessons in cold weather (No logos)
- A pair of plain sports trainers – suitable for outdoor P.E. (no converse or high tops)
- White or grey ankle socks

From September 2026, the option of a navy tracksuit and shorts will be removed. Children will be required to have only a black tracksuit and P.E. shorts.

Children will need to keep a pair of black pumps in a drawstring style pump bag in school, for indoor P.E. in the hall. **For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for P.E. under any circumstances.**

If children are not wearing the correct P.E. uniform, to ensure that they can continue to participate in P.E. lessons, school will provide clean spare uniform for children to wear. Parents will be informed that their child was not wearing the correct uniform, and they will be asked to support school in maintaining our high standards of the expected uniform.

The class teacher will advise when P.E. lessons take place so that P.E. uniform can be worn and earrings can be removed on these days. Parents will also be informed if there are additional days when P.E. uniform is required. All P.E. uniform **MUST** be named.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exception to this rule is a wristwatch (not a smartwatch) and one small plain stud in each ear lobe, but this must be removed for sports activities – without exception.

If children cannot remove their own earrings, then this should be done at home on the day of P.E. No other piercings are allowed.

- Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn; however, small hair clips, scrunches and plain headbands are acceptable.
- Hair extensions are not permitted.
- Make up should not be worn to school, including fake tan and false eyelashes - children will be asked to remove this with wipes provided if required.
- False, acrylic, gel or painted nails are not allowed in school.
- Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured.
- Long hair should be tied up.

Religious Clothing / Ceremonial Wear

Amblecote Primary welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. The school does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school weighs the needs and rights of individual pupils against the health and safety concerns of the entire school community.

Amblecote Primary endeavours to allow religious requirements to be met, wherever possible.

Parents'/carers' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by case basis by the Headteacher and Governing Body.

School Bags

Reception

Children should bring a book bag; there is no requirement to have the school logo on these.

Rucksack style bags are not required.

KS2 and KS1

Children must use an appropriately sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold children's books and reading diaries comfortably without causing any damage.

Key Stage 1 may continue to bring a book bag instead of a rucksack / bag, if they wish.

Large bags / large rucksacks are discouraged for day-to-day lessons due to space on children's pegs.

School bags featuring inappropriate images, logos, slogans or phrases are not permitted.

The school encourages children to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.

Water Bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school each day. This should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child's bottle should only contain water. NO SQUASH OR JUICE PLEASE. Water bottles can be refilled by children whenever necessary during the day.

Excessively large water bottles or those with straws in the lids (Stanley style water containers) are not allowed.

For reception children, screw top bottle or metal bottles are not allowed.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are NOT permitted in school. Children found with a phone will have it removed and parents will be called in order to collect it from the school office.

Second-hand uniform

Throughout the year we will endeavour to sell second-hand uniform where possible. Details of pop-up uniform stalls and dates will be given on the ClassDojo. The stock of school uniform and items available will vary as, as a school, we will have to rely on donations of high-quality clothing from our families.

Non-Compliance

On rare occasions, for example, if slogans on clothing are offensive or clothing is not age appropriate, the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher are permitted to ask a pupil to take off the clothing, such as a sweatshirt/jumper. In the event that they cannot take the clothing off, parents/carers will be contacted and they will be asked to bring more suitable clothing.

If a child requires an item of uniform for a specific activity and no spare clothing is available in school, for example, Forest School or swimming, parents/carers may be asked to bring the item into school.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

This policy has been approved by the Governing Body. It will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure continuing compliance or earlier should new legislative changes occur.