

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

At Amblecote Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

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. The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money.

Additionally, it is important that our children 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.

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 (2021) 'School Uniform'
- Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021

Key Personnel in Relation to this Policy

Name	Role (s)
Mrs C Roberts	Chair of Governors
Mrs J Cook	Head Teacher
Mrs M Pickett	Deputy Head Teacher

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

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 as stated in the uniform list. 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 PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and a wrist watch (not a smartwatch). Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red or black to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.
- Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to 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 or dyed.
- Long hair should be tied up.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct school uniform and PE uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair, the correct size and that the **child's name is visibly labelled** on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our spare uniform supplies (freshly laundered) to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have the correct PE uniform. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. 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).

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 Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request

an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head Teacher and then, if required, the Governors.

The Role of the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher

The Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher are responsible for enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis. They will ensure that school staff understand this policy and know what to do if the policy is not being adhered to. They will listen to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the Governing Board. Be responsible for providing children with exemptions as appropriate e.g. for a child who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top or for religious reasons. Support families (where appropriate) in ensuring access to uniform.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher and school community, in establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and affordable.

School Uniform List

There is a school uniform at Amblecote that consists of:

- Red jumpers or cardigans
- Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved) or a white polo shirt
- School Tie (only required in Year 6)
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Grey pinafores or skirt (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) or plain grey tights

All school uniform **MUST** be named.

All items can be purchased from High Street shops and supermarkets.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

P.E. Uniform

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their PE lesson wearing their PE uniform. They can wear it for the full school day.

P.E. Uniform is:

- White socks
- Plain black or navy shorts (No logos) These are required for all indoor PE lessons
- Plain white t-shirt (No logos)
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms and plain black or navy sweatshirt/zip up jacket for outdoor lessons in cold weather (No logos)
- A pair of plain trainers – suitable for outdoor P.E. (no converse or high tops)

Children will need to keep a pair of black plimsolls/pumps and if required a spare pair of white or grey socks (tights are not allowed to be worn in P.E. lessons), 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 PE.**

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. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing; please help us by naming everything.

School Bags

KS2

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.

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

EYFS and KS1

Children should bring a book bag that will fit into their school tray; there is no requirement to have the school logo on these.



School bags featuring inappropriate images, 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 clearly labelled with your child's name (no screw tops please). 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.

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.

These items will be available to purchase for £1 and under.

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