



Yealmpton School Uniform Policy

Purpose of the Policy

At Yealmpton Primary School, we believe that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of identity, pride, and belonging
- Supports positive behaviour and high expectations
- Ensures pupils dress practically, safely, and comfortably
- Keeps costs reasonable for all families

This policy has been developed in line with Department for Education statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms and associated non-statutory guidance on developing uniform policies.

Legal and Statutory Framework

This policy has regard to:

- Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021
- DfE Statutory Guidance: Cost of School Uniforms (updated October 2025)
- DfE Non-Statutory Guidance: School Uniforms – Guidance for Schools
- Equality Act 2010
- Human Rights Act 1998

Schools and governing boards are required to have regard to statutory guidance when setting uniform policies.

Cost and Value for Money

We are committed to keeping uniform costs as low as possible by:

- Keeping compulsory branded items to a minimum, in line with DfE expectations and forthcoming legislation
- Ensuring most items are generic and available from multiple retailers, including supermarkets

- Reviewing uniform requirements regularly to assess cost impact
- Avoiding unnecessary changes to uniform that would create additional expense

From September 2026, schools will be expected to limit compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to no more than three items, and our policy is already aligned to meet this requirement.

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a) Compulsory Items

Daily uniform (generic unless stated):

- Plain **red** school jumper or cardigan (optional school logo)
- Plain **white** polo shirt or shirt
- **Navy Blue** trousers, shorts, skirt, or pinafore
- Checked Summer dress- **blue**
- Plain **white** or **navy** socks
- Plain **navy** or **red** tights
- **Black**, flat school shoes. Sandals may be worn in the summer months but No Croc type shoes or flip flops
- Waterproof Coat
- Water Bottle- filled with water only
- Bookbag or rucksack

During the summer months, please provide your child with a plain **navy** or **red** sun cap/hat and ensure sun cream is applied prior to arrival at school.

PE kit:

- Plain **red** t-shirt (no logos, unless school logo)
- Plain **navy** shorts or jogging bottoms
- Trainers suitable for PE with simple fastening for EYFS/KS1
- No jewellery should be worn
- Hair to be tied up

b) Optional Branded Items



Optional branded items may be available for purchase but are not compulsory through [Mapac - Schoolwear](#). Pupils will not be disadvantaged for wearing non-branded alternatives that meet the policy.

5. Second-Hand Uniform

To help reduce costs and support sustainability quality second-hand/pre-loved items of uniform are readily available in the main school foyer. There are no fixed prices for these items – all are available for a donation to the Yealmpton Friends (Parent/Teacher Association). The donation can be any amount which is affordable for the family. We will work sensitively with families who experience difficulty providing uniform.

Equality, Inclusion and Reasonable Adjustments

Our uniform policy:

- Complies with the Equality Act 2010
- Allows reasonable adjustments for pupils based on:
 - Religion or belief
 - Disability or medical needs
 - Gender identity

Requests for adjustments should be made to [Headteacher / SENCo] and will be considered individually and sensitively.

Hair, Jewellery and Appearance

- Hair must be safe and practical for school activities ideally tied up if long and should be natural coloured not dyed.
- Hairstyles associated with racial, cultural, or religious identity are permitted
- Jewellery should be minimal for health and safety reasons (e.g. small stud earrings only)
- Make up and nail varnish is not permitted

Our approach aligns with Equality and Human Rights Commission guidance on preventing discrimination.

Non-Compliance with Uniform Policy

We take a supportive and proportionate approach to non-compliance:

- Pupils will not be sent home for uniform reasons alone
- Concerns will be addressed discreetly and in partnership with parents
- Support will be offered where cost or access is an issue

Consultation and Review

This policy is reviewed regularly and developed with consideration of views from:

- Parents and carers
- Pupils
- Staff
- Governors

Any significant changes will be communicated clearly and with sufficient notice to avoid unnecessary expense.

Monitoring and Accountability

The Governing Board / Trust Board is responsible for:

- Ensuring compliance with statutory guidance
- Monitoring costs and supplier arrangements
- Reviewing the policy's effectiveness and fairness

Date of review June 2026