

Ingatestone Infant School



Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction:

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 t-shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance, reinforce a positive learning environment as well as promote a unified school spirit and inspire a sense of pride in Ingatestone Infant School. This policy includes a complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education.

2. Aims and objectives:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school.
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- identifies the children with the school.
- supports our 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 good value for money by most parents.

We believe that no school uniform should be so expensive that it leaves pupils or their families feeling unable to apply to, or attend, a school of their choice due to the cost of the uniform.

3. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish:

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

Parents are required to remove earrings on PE days and children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. If your child does have earrings in on a PE day and cannot remove them on their own, they will not take part. We do not permit watches (including step trackers) to be worn to school.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Where hair is long enough to do so, for health and safety reasons, children are required to attend school with their hair tied up. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be small and plain, in keeping with the school colours, as should any other required hair accessories. Hair bands should not have large flowers/bows etc attached. 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.

4. Footwear:

We want our children's feet to be healthy, therefore, all pupils must wear well-fitting shoes with an appropriate low heel with a closed toe. Open toed or slip-on shoes are not appropriate due to health and safety reasons. Boots above the ankle are NOT allowed. On bad weather days if your child wears wellington/snow boots to school they must bring their school shoes to change into. We do not require P.E. trainers to be black or plain. However, trainers must still be suitable for physical education so must be comfortable for full day wear, protective for active feet/use in games/sports and have no parts that could harm children/distract children from learning, such as lights. Plimsolls are NOT permitted to be worn. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently (preferable no laces)

5. Hats and caps:

These can be worn when outdoors, but we ask that they are suitable for the intended use and must not be of a design that could cause a safety issue or have prominent messages/slogans. Caps for the summer months will remain in school for the unpredictable weather. As caps are worn, sunglasses are not permitted unless you have previously informed us that your child suffers from a medical hay fever condition.

6. The Role of Parents/ Carers:

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this, they can speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the matter. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform will be loaned an appropriate clean item from our second-hand store to wear for that day. The same will apply for children who do not have a PE uniform. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

7. The Role of Governors:

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. 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. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, and practical.

8. Monitoring and Review:

The governing body monitors and reviews 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 Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation regarding school uniform.

9. School/PE Uniform List:

Our school uniform colour is a combination of blue and grey. Most items can be purchased from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, can have the school logo on, these are sold by the school supplier. The logo is optional. Please speak to our office staff to browse our second-hand uniform shop where we stock items. The school logo makes pupils feel part of our community at school

events and can be easily identified as a member of our School at external events such as school trips.

All non-logo uniform items can be sourced from multiple best value shops and the school does not recognise or endorse a particular supplier for these items. For parents/carers who wish to purchase items with the school logo on them, our branded supplier is Smarty Pants School wear.

<https://www.smartyantsschoolwear.com/ingatestone-infants.html>

We support and promote the use of pre-loved items, including clothing items which have the school logo on them. Good condition school uniform items that are no longer required can be donated to the School's League of Friends. These items are available to purchase for a small donation via the following ways:

- Honesty cupboard (in the school entrance hall).
- Regular sales throughout the year.

Items marked with a * below, are preferred to have the school logo on:

School Uniform items:

- Light blue polo shirt*
- Navy blue jumper*/ navy blue cardigan*
- Grey skirt/ pinafore/ school trousers/ school shorts
- Plain grey, white, navy blue or black socks/ plain white, black, navy blue or grey tights
- Navy blue and white checked summer dress
- Black school shoes
- Summer cap
- Navy blue book bag (decorated with your child's name - no keyrings attached though) backpacks are not permitted. On days when children require other clothes e.g., Forest Schools, Clubs we ask that due to limited storage space, we ask parents to provide sensibly sized bags appropriate to the requirements for their child's use at school.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. Leggings should not be worn.

PE uniform:

Items marked with a * below, are preferred to have the school logo on, all items should be non-branded.

School P.E Uniform items:

- Plain white t-shirt/ polo
- Plain navy-blue shorts/skorts
- Plain navy-blue jogging/tracksuit bottoms

- Navy blue jumper/cardigan* (can be school jumper)
- Trainers (not plimsolls)
- Drawstring bag

We allow the children to wear their PE uniform to school all day on PE days. Your child's teacher will advise you of the PE days. Please be mindful of the weather for the day, your child may need to wear their navy-blue tracksuit. For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. You will be sent a polite letter to advise you of this.

Other items of school uniform available with the school name/logo, please note these are optional logo items:

- Fleece
- P.E. bag
- School cap

10. Brand Logos and Slogans:

- Logos on black shoes/black trainers/ worn as part of our school uniform, must be in black.
- Other name branded items of clothing are acceptable if the logo is small and inconspicuous. However, larger prominent logos and slogans are not permitted.

11. Lost Property:

All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset because of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything. The school cannot accept responsibility for any articles lost or damaged on the school premises.