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Uniform Policy

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Uniform Policy for Ecclesall Primary School

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1. Introduction & Aims

At Ecclesall Primary School, our school uniform helps to build a strong sense of identity, equality, and community among our pupils.

In strict compliance with the Department for Education's (DfE) statutory **Cost of school uniforms guidance (2026)**, this policy ensures that our uniform remains highly affordable, practical, and provides exceptional value for money for all families. Cost should never be a barrier to any family applying to our school or participating fully in school activities.

2. Scope and Applicability

This policy is statutory and applies universally to all pupils registered at Ecclesall Primary School.

- **Application:** The policy applies during regular school hours, when travelling to and from school, and when pupils are representing the school at external events, trips, or after-school activities.
- **Responsibility:** The Governing Board holds overall responsibility for ensuring this policy is implemented, monitored, and compliant with statutory cost guidelines. The Headteacher is responsible for day-to-day enforcement and for handling any breaches in line with the school's published behaviour policy.

3. Our Approach to Branded Items & Parental Choice

To offer maximum financial flexibility and reduce costs for parents, **Ecclesall Primary School does not mandate any compulsory branded items.**

- **No Obligatory Logos:** While sweatshirts featuring our embroidered school logo are highly recommended and available from our designated suppliers, **wearing the version with the logo is entirely optional.**
- **Complete Retail Choice:** Parents have full permission to purchase completely plain, unbranded clothing in our exact school colours from **any high-street retailer or supermarket of their choice.**

4. Uniform Specification

Everyday Classroom Wear

- **Sweatshirt / Cardigan / Jumper / Hoodie:** Royal Blue. (An embroidered school logo is recommended but entirely optional; plain, unbranded royal blue garments from any supermarket or retailer are fully permitted).
- **Polo Shirt:** White or Royal Blue. (An embroidered school logo is recommended but entirely optional; plain, unbranded royal blue garments from any supermarket or retailer are fully permitted).
- **Trousers / Skirts / Shorts / Pinafores:** Plain Black or Grey.

- **Summer Uniform Options:** Blue and White gingham-style checked uniform dresses or plain dark tailored shorts.
- **Footwear:** Plain, dark-coloured or black footwear.

PE Kit (Required for active days)

- **PE T-Shirt:** Plain White t-shirt.
- **PE Bottoms:** Plain black or navy shorts, joggers, or sports leggings (sports leggings must be opaque).
- **Layering:** Plain sweatshirt, jumper, or hoodie.
- **Footwear:** Suitable trainers or plimsolls.

Note: No specialized or additional branded clothing is required for extra-curricular sports clubs or interschool competitions. If a specific team kit is needed, it will be loaned by the school free of charge.

5. Uniform Supply Arrangements

For parents who choose to purchase uniform items featuring the embroidered Ecclesall Primary School logo, we operate a dual-supplier arrangement to ensure healthy competition, pricing stability, and robust value for money. We use the following suppliers:

1. **Logo Leisurewear**
2. **Pinders Schoolwear**

Uniform items can be ordered throughout the year with details available on our School Website: www.ecclesallprimary.co.uk/uniform.

All generic, unbranded elements of our school uniform (such as plain royal blue jumpers, plain polo shirts, trousers, and PE kits) can be bought widely from any major clothing retailer or supermarket.

6. Second-Hand Uniform Provision

Ecclesall Primary School is deeply committed to supporting environmental sustainability and keeping uniform costs manageable by ensuring high-quality, pre-loved uniform is easily accessible to everyone.

- **School Fairs:** Pre-loved uniform is available to purchase at our **Summer Fair** and our **Christmas Fair**.
- **Information for New Starters:** We actively reach out to all parents of new starters prior to the summer holidays to explicitly inform them about our second-hand options so they can acquire items well in advance of the new school year.
- **Year-Round & Discreet Access:** In strict accordance with statutory requirements, access to our second-hand uniform stock is not restricted exclusively to paid-for events or school fairs. Parents can request pre-loved uniform items for free or via donation at any point during the academic year by contacting the school office directly. All such enquiries and requests are handled with absolute confidentiality and discretion to protect pupil privacy.

7. Religious and Cultural Considerations

Ecclesall Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and communities. In accordance with our obligations under the Equality Act 2010, the school takes a welcoming, inclusive approach to school uniform.

Reasonable adjustments to the uniform specification will be made for religious or cultural dress requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, the wearing of religious clothing, headscarves (hijabs), or specific hair coverings, provided they align safely with classroom activities, particularly during practical lessons like PE. Parents are invited to contact the Headteacher to discuss any required adjustments in an open, supportive environment.

8. Financial Support & Policy Non-Compliance

We understand that family financial situations can fluctuate.

- **Financial Hardship:** Any parent or carer who faces difficulties in providing uniform items is encouraged to speak in complete confidence to the Headteacher or school office staff to explore available local support.
- **Non-Compliance:** If a pupil is temporarily unable to comply with the dress code due to financial difficulties, the school will take a considerate, supportive approach to resolve the situation. In line with DfE regulations, no child will ever be penalised, isolated, or miss out on classroom teaching due to their family's financial circumstances.

9. Complaints

Any disputes or formal complaints regarding uniform costs, provisions, or the implementation of this policy should be raised locally and handled in accordance with the formal **Ecclesall Primary School Complaints Procedure** published on our website.