



THE EDWARD RICHARDSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

Date of last review	Spring 2026
Term next due for update	Spring 2028
Member of staff responsible for this update	Headteacher
Requirement	Statutory

Introduction

At The Edward Richardson Primary School, we believe that wearing a school uniform promotes equality, fosters pride in our school, and supports a focused learning environment. This policy outlines the expectations for uniform and appearance, ensuring consistency and affordability for all families. The Headteacher reserves discretion in exceptional cases to address matters not explicitly covered in this policy.

Responsibilities

Children should:

- Wear the correct school uniform each day, ensuring it is clean and tidy.
- Look after their uniform and personal belongings.
- Recognise the value of their uniform and treat it with respect.

Parents should:

- Ensure all uniform items, including PE kits, are named and regularly checked for legibility.
- Provide their child with the correct uniform and replace items as needed.
- Contact the school if they face difficulty acquiring uniform items or have concerns about the policy.

School staff should:

- Monitor adherence to the uniform policy.
- Provide safe storage for coats and PE kits during the school day.
- Address any concerns about uniform directly with parents or carers.

Uniform Requirements

- Standard Uniform:
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Green polo shirt.

- Grey trousers, skirt, or pinafore dress.
In warm weather: grey shorts, mid-thigh grey skirts, or green and yellow gingham dresses.
- Plain tights are allowed with skirts, dresses, or shorts.
- Sturdy, plain black shoes (no trainers except for PE).

PE Uniform

- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo).
- Black or blue shorts or plain tracksuit bottoms in colder weather.
- Plimsolls for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor activities.

Accessories

- Watches (see below) and small stud earrings may be worn, but all jewellery must be removed for PE. Parents must provide tape if earrings cannot be removed for medical reasons.
- Headbands must be practical and not distracting.
- Nail polish is allowed, but false nails and make-up are not permitted.
- Make up is not permitted for any pupils.

Watches

Pupils may wear a watch to school. Simple analogue or digital watches are permitted and encouraged, as they support pupils in learning to tell the time alongside classroom clocks and daily routines.

Watches worn in school must not have the ability to:

- take photographs or record video
- record audio
- send or receive calls or messages
- access the internet
- connect independently to mobile networks

Any watch that includes one or more of these features is not permitted in school, regardless of whether the features are switched off or limited. This applies to all devices, including smart watches and digital watches with additional functionality.

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that any watch worn in school meets these requirements. Staff are not expected to check or manage individual device settings or specifications.

If difficulties arise in managing compliance with this expectation, or if safeguarding or learning concerns are identified, the school reserves the right to review this approach and introduce further restrictions if necessary.

Weather and Seasonal Adjustments

- During colder months, pupils should bring a suitable coat. In warmer months, pupils should bring in an appropriate waterproof jacket each day in case of rain.

- In warm weather, school-issued baseball caps should be worn to provide sun protection and aid in easy identification on trips.

Affordability and Sustainability

We encourage families to purchase uniform items from affordable retailers where possible. Items with the school logo can be obtained from our stockist. Families may also access pre-loved uniforms through our uniform exchange programme to promote sustainability and cost savings.

Equality and Inclusivity

The school will make reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy to accommodate individual needs linked to religion, disability, or other protected characteristics. Parents and carers should contact the Headteacher to discuss specific requirements.

Labelling

All items of uniform, including PE kits and coats, must be clearly labelled with the child's name. Misplaced items can then be returned quickly.

Monitoring and Compliance

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform each day. If a pupil attends school in inappropriate uniform, parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. Persistent non-compliance may result in further action in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Review and Communication

This policy will be reviewed biannually. Any updates will be communicated to parents and carers in advance.