

Uniform guidance at Acorns School

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At Acorns School we have designed our school uniform policy around our pupils and their needs.

Uniform in a school is important it offers pupils a sense of belonging and togetherness. It is an outward sign of our unity and promotes a sense of belonging, allowing us to clearly identify our pupils.

We want our pupils to be comfortable and their uniform should enable them to access all learning opportunities.

We ask parents to buy uniform in the school colours of a white t-shirt, blue sweatshirt or cardigan and grey/black skirts, shorts, trousers or jogging bottoms but do not insist upon names or branded clothes to ensure affordability.

At Acorns School we believe that school uniform is important, but we also appreciate that for some of our children wearing a set uniform can present challenges. We operate a sensible approach which we tailor to meet the needs of all pupils in school.

Sensory processing difficulties: Some pupils find certain pieces of clothing or materials challenging to wear due to sensory processing difficulties. Some pupils will only wear certain materials due to the feel or colour or might not be able to tolerate layered clothing or coats very well. In such cases, we are flexible and do ask families to discuss suitable alternatives or ways we can support the pupils with.

Footwear: Some pupils at school have specialist footwear designed to support their physical needs and we actively encourage this to be worn in school. With all other children we ask that shoes are comfortable and practical for all weathers and that no open toes/backless shoes are worn due to Health and Safety.

Outerwear: For outside activities and play such as breaktimes, trampoline time, forest schools and use of the trim trail and or bikes, we will request from parents: A suitable outdoor coat and shoes and on some occasions a change of clothes and shoes in case of wet weather (The spare clothes do not need to be uniform but again appropriate for the weather and ethos of the school. Spare shoes/trainers or wellies may also be requested)