

Farnborough Grange Nursery/Infant Community School

An Academy in the Good Shepherd Trust

School Uniform Policy

This policy is prescribed by The Good Shepherd Trust and all reference to 'the Trust' includes all Trust schools, the central team and subsidiary organisations.

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*Local approval will either be the local committee, the head teacher, or the CEO (refer to policy schedule)

Revision record

Minor revisions should be recorded here when the policy is amended in light of changes to legislation or to correct errors. Significant changes or at the point of review should be recorded below and approved at the level indicated above.

Revision No.	Date	Revised by	Approved date	Comments
1	08/05/2024	S. Pietrzak	08/05/2024	Content checked by Headteacher. Minor formatting revisions.
2	02/03/2026	O Dempsey		Added details of uniform supplier

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and Objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children within the school;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school;
- Reduces any early morning arguments about fashion, and that dressing in "work clothes" rather than "social clothes" encourages the right attitude to work/learn;

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- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

Jewellery can be very expensive and is often of sentimental value, and the school is concerned that items may be lost or mislaid.

Also, the wearing of jewellery during any PE or sports lessons, or even in the playground during playtimes, represents a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Serious accidents have occurred as a result of contact between pupils wearing earrings or rings with other pupils or equipment. Ears have been damaged where earrings have been caught in apparatus or another child's finger, and the ear lobe has been badly torn.

Earrings

- Small, plain, stud earrings can be worn to school on days where children are not taking part in PE lessons.
- On PE days, children should not wear earrings to school unless they are able to remove the earrings themselves. Staff will not be permitted to remove earrings for the children.
- If children are wearing earrings to school and they cannot remove them themselves for PE lessons, they will be allowed to cover them in medical tape. Children will need to apply this tape themselves and school staff will not be permitted to help.
- It is recommended that parents have their children's ears pierced for the first time at the beginning of the summer holidays, thus allowing time for the ears to heal properly.

Watches and other jewellery

- No bracelets, brooches or necklaces to be worn in school at any time. This includes jewellery worn under school uniform
- Children may wear watches to school, but they must be named on the back. Watches must be a simple analogue or digital watch and must not have the capacity to take pictures of photographs.
- If a child wears any other jewellery to school, they will be asked to remove it and put it somewhere safe until the end of the day. Parents will be reminded of this jewellery policy.

The exceptions to this rule are items of religious significance. This must be agreed in advance with the Head Teacher.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

The school will not take responsibility for any items of jewellery worn to school, whether they are allowed by this policy or not. All jewellery remains the responsibility of the child whilst they are in school.

Nail varnish and make up should not be worn to school under any circumstances.

Extreme haircuts or styles

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to themselves or other children.

Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns e.g. 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden.

Pupils with long hair (Below shoulder length) should tie it back for the following reasons;

- On health and safety grounds;
- To not distract them from their learning;
- To prevent the spreading of head lice.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. For the following reasons, we forbid;

- Shoes with platform soles or high heels, as these are dangerous for children to walk in;
- Trainers, as this footwear is only appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform;
- Wellington boots, as these are not safe to walk and run around in; these are for outdoor learning only;
- Open-toed shoes, as these present several risks to the children's feet.

We therefore require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

In winter time, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring black school shoes to change into.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

We ask that all uniform is named with a marker pen or a sewn in/ironed in label. This is to avoid items of clothing becoming lost as we collect lots of lost property. The school can accept no responsibility for losses of any kind.

The role of the Local Committee

The Local Committee supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Local Committee's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

The Local Committee ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The Local Committee monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they support the policy;
- Considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- Requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Uniform

We no longer supply school uniform on site. To purchase logoed school uniform, please visit <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/FA8704DS/>. From July 2026 our supplier will be Brenda's which has a store in Camberley.

On occasion we hold second-hand uniform sales. If you would like more information, please speak with the school reception office.

The school uniform is:

- Grey trousers, school skirt or pinafore dress;
- Grey or black socks or woollen tights;
- A white shirt or polo t-shirt;
- Emerald green jumper or cardigan with the school logo on (required).

The summer uniform (From Easter to the end of the summer term) is:

- Emerald green and white checked or striped dresses;
- Grey shorts;
- Hats to shield the sun.

NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles.

PE Uniform

The PE uniform is:

- Black PE shorts;
- A white t-shirt;
- Black plimsolls;
- Trainers (for outdoor use);
- Black tracksuit bottoms and top (for outdoor use during the winter time).

PE kits should be in a named bag and each item of PE clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name. The school can accept no responsibility for losses of any kind.

PE kits must be in school every day. They must be brought into school on a Monday and taken home for washing on a Friday.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'