



## School Uniform Policy 2026-29

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## **Dulwich Hamlet Junior School Uniform Policy:**

### 1. Introduction and Vision

This Uniform Policy aims to encapsulate our school vision: At Dulwich Hamlet, we believe in cultivating a life-long love of learning through access to unique opportunities, in an inclusive, nurturing community where excellence enables every child to thrive.

At Dulwich Hamlet Junior School, we believe that a smart, practical uniform helps to create a sense of identity and belonging within our school community. Our uniform policy supports our commitment to equality, inclusivity, and providing an affordable, high-quality education for all pupils.

This policy has been developed taking into account the DfE's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, which requires us to take steps to make sure that the cost of the uniform is affordable.

### 2. Compulsory Uniform Requirements

At Dulwich Hamlet Junior School, we have a compulsory uniform.

Tops:

- Jade polo shirt with or without school logo
- Navy blue sweatshirt or hoodie with or without school logo
- Navy blue cardigan or knitted jumper
- Not permitted: Fashion-branded tops, badges (unless a Pupil Leader or small birthday badge)

Bottoms:

- Navy blue trousers
- Navy blue skirt or shorts (of a suitable length down to the knee or just above)
- Not permitted: Combats, jeans, corduroy or baggy style trousers; shorts or skirts which are too short, cycling/figure-hugging shorts, leggings (unless worn under shorts)

### Shoes and Socks:

- Black or navy blue hard-wearing, sturdy and sensible shoes that cover the whole foot and fasten with Velcro or laces
- Black trainers are permitted, but a separate pair must be worn for P.E. lessons
- Socks should be plain and either white, navy or black
- Not permitted: Trainers which are not predominantly black, open-toe sandals, canvas or fashion wear

### Jewellery and Hair Accessories

- A watch and plain stud earrings
- Children can wear simple, plain headbands and long hair should be tied back with a hair tie
- Not permitted: Smart watches, hoop earrings, bracelets, anklets or rings; hair bows, hair bands with adornments (such as tiaras or cat ears) and large 'scrunchy' style hair ties

### 3. PE Kit

All pupils must have the following PE kit:

- Navy blue T-shirt with or without school logo
- Navy blue shorts, or long navy joggers/leggings for winter
- Sports trainers

### 4. Optional Items

Parents/carers may choose to purchase the following optional items:

- Plain blue gingham check summer dress
- Navy blue pinafore dress (to be worn over the jade polo shirt)
- Small, plain rucksack, ideally with a compartment to hold a water bottle

### 5. Branded Items and Cost Considerations

From September 2026, schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 3 or fewer.

Our branded items are:

- Jade polo shirt
- Navy blue hoodie with school logo
- Navy blue T-shirt with school logo (PE kit)

We have kept branded items to a minimum to ensure our uniform remains affordable for all families. All branded items can be replaced with a non-branded alternative, as per the descriptions listed above.

## 6. Where to Purchase Uniform

Branded Items:

We are proud to partner with Earth Uniform who supply our branded items (polo shirt, hoodie and P.E. top) via their online shop.

Second-hand School Uniform Shop:

Visit the second-hand school uniform shop run by the PTA twice a month on Fridays from 9am to approximately 9.30am. Dates are confirmed in the Hamlet Herald and on the school calendar. The shop is located at our Turney Road entrance, next to the music room.

This provides an affordable option for families and supports sustainability.

Generic items (polo shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, cardigans, trousers, skirts, shorts, socks, and shoes) can be purchased from any retailer, provided they meet the colour and style requirements set out in this policy.

## 7. Equality and Inclusion

Gender Inclusivity

Pupils may choose from any of the uniform options listed above, regardless of gender. We do not have gender-specific uniform requirements.

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We recognise that pupils with SEND may find certain uniform items restrictive or uncomfortable. Parents/carers should contact the headteacher to discuss reasonable adjustments where needed.

## Religious and Cultural Requirements

We allow pupils to dress according to their religious or cultural beliefs. Parents/carers should contact the headteacher to discuss any specific requirements.

## Financial Support

We understand that uniform costs can be challenging for some families. Parents/carers experiencing financial difficulty should contact the school office in confidence to discuss available support options.

## 8. Implementation and Expectations

### Daily Expectations -

- Uniform should be clean, in good repair, and worn correctly
- Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons
- PE kit must be worn to school on PE days

### Responsibilities -

- Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child comes to school in correct uniform, ideally with each item named clearly
- Pupils are expected to wear their uniform with pride and take care of it
- Staff will monitor uniform standards and address any concerns sensitively with pupils and parents/carers

### Non-Compliance -

If a pupil arrives at school not in correct uniform, staff will:

- Speak sensitively with the pupil to understand the reason
- Contact parents/carers to resolve the issue
- Provide temporary uniform items where available and appropriate
- Work with families to find solutions, including signposting to second-hand uniform or financial support
- We will always approach uniform matters with understanding and sensitivity, recognising that there may be valid reasons for non-compliance.

## 9. Monitoring and Review

The governing board is responsible for this policy and will review it regularly to ensure it remains compliant with statutory guidance and meets the needs of our school community.

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or sooner if:

- There are changes to statutory guidance
- Feedback from parents/carers or pupils indicates changes are needed
- The school identifies issues with implementation

## 10. Policy Information

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