

Abbot's Hall Primary School



Uniform Policy

July 2025

Be The Best That You Can Be

Aim/Rationale:

It is the school policy that all children should wear the school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. The policy for the school uniform is based on the notion that it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Creates a sense of community and belonging toward the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered as good value for money by parents and carers;
- Is designed with health and safety considerations in mind.
- Avoids parents and pupils feeling under pressure to wear expensive designer clothing.

The school uniform policy is an integral part of the school's commitment to equality and inclusion. The governing body believes it allows all pupils to establish a shared Abbot's Hall identity and to celebrate what they have in common, whilst continuing to be able to exercise their individuality and enjoy their diversity. All children are expected to adhere to the uniform policy.

The Role of Parents:

We ask that all parents support our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a responsibility to send their child to school dressed appropriately for the school day and that uniform should be clean and in good repair. All items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

School Uniform:

- Black or dark grey trousers, shorts, skirt (knee-length) or pinafore dress.
- White blouse/shirt/polo-shirt.
- Dark brown Abbot's Hall or plain sweatshirt/cardigan.
- Brown or yellow gingham dresses may be worn in the summer.
- All children should wear sensible black shoes (**not trainers**), that are not canvas or open-toed.
- Black or grey socks should be worn. Trainer socks should not be worn.
- White socks maybe worn with the gingham dresses in the summer.
- Hair styles should be tidy and cut appropriately. A natural colour is required.
- Long hair should be tied up - This is partly for health and safety concerns, but also to reduce the spread of head lice.
- We do not allow headwear (other than hair bands and small bows) to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or cultural reasons.

Physical Education:

Children should wear PE kit to school on the days they are timetabled and any time advised by their class teacher.

- All children should wear black shorts and a plain white t-shirt for PE.
- Children should have trainers for inside and outside lessons. (Astro Turf trainers or football boots are not permitted)
- Black, warm tracksuits will be needed in the colder weather and sun hats in the warm summer.

Abbot's Hall School sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces and bookbags are on sale from Inces, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. Non-logo items are supported as long as they are the school colour. Second-hand uniform is available to purchase from the Friends of Abbot's.

Dressing for the weather: Children should come to school dressed appropriately for all weathers, as we aim to get the children outside every day. They should have a coat with them in accordance with the weather forecast. In the summer, they should have a suitable cap/hat to protect them from the sun, and sun lotion should be applied prior to the school day. During the colder months, in addition to an appropriate coat, please feel free to send your child with a warm hat, scarf and gloves.

Bags and Rucksacks: A small rucksack/Book Bag may be used for carrying packed lunches, snacks, reading books, homework and clothing to and from school. Stationery items are provided and retained at school so large bags are unnecessary.

Jewellery / Other Items:

- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school, other than for religious or cultural reasons.
- 1 pair of small ear studs are permitted, but should will need to be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons, when attending an after-school sports club or during active week.
- Children who cannot put their own earrings back after P.E. should bring a container to take them home in. However, it is better if these children do not wear earrings on the day they do PE. Staff cannot be responsible for taking earrings out or putting them back in. (If you are thinking of having your child's ears pierced, we strongly advise you to have them done at the start of the summer holiday, to allow six weeks healing time)
- No tattoos, nail varnish or makeup.
- Small Watches may be worn but must be removed for PE. Smart watches (devices that have games, text, phone, or camera capabilities) are **NOT** permitted.

Reasonable Requests for Variation of Uniform: The Uniform Policy has been adopted with consideration for ethnicity, religion and belief and disability. Requests for variations to the school uniform which are directly related to particular established social, religious or cultural traditions, however, will be considered on an individual basis by the Senior Leadership Team. Legitimate requests for variation under health grounds will also be considered and will require medical evidence.

It is essential that all clothing/footwear be clearly marked with the child's name.


Lost Property: Lost property is located in the cupboard in the reception area. After one-month, unnamed items that are not reclaimed are either given to The Friends of Abbot's Hall to sell or to charity.

On any matter of the interpretation of uniform, jewellery or appearance, the decision of the Headteacher will be final.

A message in your child's home/school book, a phone call or email will be sent home when necessary to remind parents of uniform expectations. Persistent breaches will be regarded as a refusal to accept school policy and will be addressed in collaboration with the CEO.

Uniform Suppliers: Branded uniform can be purchased from **Inces, 25 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1AH.** Parent are reminded that unbranded uniform is very acceptable so long as the colour and style expressed in this policy is achieved. **Second Hand Uniform:** Second hand uniform can be purchased via the Friends of Abbot's by contacting them directly and at key events and/or regular periods throughout the year.

Signed:  **Position:** Headteacher

Signed:  **Position:** Chair of Governors

Date: July 2025