

APPLEGARTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Uniform policy

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Rationale

At Applegarth, we believe that a school uniform fosters a sense of identity, belonging and pride. We expect a high standard of appearance from all and our uniform provides parents with a practical cost-effective means to do so. We encourage our children to take responsibility for their own appearance and to look clean, smart and tidy at all times. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their child is correctly dressed for school. Members of staff have responsibility for promoting the school's uniform policy by reminding pupils about the rules relating to appropriate dress.

Aims

- To set a high standard of presentation for children at school.
- To make it clear to the whole school community the expectation of the uniform at Applegarth School.
- To promote a sense of pride in the school thereby promoting positive behaviour and attitudes.

Implementation

We believe that school uniform ensures that:

- Everybody is dressed in practical clothes and looks smart.
- Children feel equal to others in terms of appearance.
- Clothing is not distracting in class, and it is suitable for school.
- Clothing is designed with health and safety in mind.
- Children are identified with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits.

Supporting dressing/undressing

Sometimes it will be necessary for staff to aid a child in getting dressed or undressed (particularly in the Early Years or for those pupils with additional needs). Staff will always encourage children to attempt undressing and dressing unaided.

Our school uniform

Our uniform is simple, smart and affordable. Families are **not required** to buy any Applegarth branded (or any other branded) items. You are **not required** to buy uniform from a specific retailer. You can order from our uniform provider for branded items (if you choose to) either in school or online: [_ https://school-shop.co.uk/school/applegarth-primary-school/](https://school-shop.co.uk/school/applegarth-primary-school/)

- All of our uniform is widely available in supermarkets.
- There is preloved uniform which is available for a voluntary donation. Please contact the office.
- Blue Cross charity shop in the town centre also stock our uniform in case families would prefer to purchase second hand items off site.

It consists of:

- Red Applegarth sweatshirt/cardigan or plain red sweatshirt/cardigan. **Required**
- White shirt/polo shirt or red polo shirt. **Required**
- Black/grey school trousers (black/grey leggings or joggers in **Nursery**). **Required**
- Black/grey skirt or pinafore dress. **Required**
- Black shoes that children can fasten themselves (no trainers) **Required**
- White, grey or black socks **Required**

In warmer weather, pupils may prefer to wear black/grey school shorts, black/grey culottes or a red chequered or striped summer dress/skirt. **Optional**

Uniform Rules at Applegarth Primary School

- No jewellery except wristwatches (no smartwatches) and small plain studs for pierced ears – both of which must be removed for PE and swimming (children having their ears pierced should do so at the start of the summer holiday).
- No high-heeled shoes over 3cm. Boots should be black.
- No sandals as these are unsafe.
- Trainers only as specialist sports shoes for PE.
- Hoodies should only be worn for PE days. For leavers hoodies, parents will be advised of the rules.
- All clothing including coats and shoes **must be labelled with the pupil's name**. Coats should also have a hook enabling them to be hung easily on a peg.
- Children should not wear nail varnish, make up or tattoos, including the temporary type.
- Long hair, collar length or longer should be fully tied back. This is particularly important to prevent the spread of head lice and meet good standards of health and safety.
- Hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles should be simple and manageable.

For PE

- Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will wear PE kit for the entire day that they have their PE session. If they are participating in an after-school sports club, they should wear uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag.
- Reception will bring their kits in a named drawstring bag on a Monday and take it home on a Friday.

Pupils should wear:

- Black shorts. **Required**
- House team coloured T-shirt. **Required**
- Trainers for indoor and outdoor PE lessons. **Required**
- In winter and for outdoor games PE kit can also include black tracksuit bottoms, red hoodie or school jumper and trainers. None of these should have explicit branding. **Required**
- **Swimming:** Pupils should wear a full costume (not bikinis or two-piece sets). Swimming trunks should be worn- not shorts. No earrings. **Required**
- Pupils with long hair should wear a swimming cap. **Required**

For Lunchtimes (OPAL):

- A waterproof coat or waterproof overalls **Required**
- Wellies (to be kept in school during term time) **Required**
- A spare pair of socks. **Optional**

School Educational Visits and Forest School Sessions

When a visit requires a specific type of clothing parents will be provided with a list of what is required. Children in Nursery and Reception currently attend Forest School Sessions a detailed list of the clothing required is in school. Wellies are essential footwear and an all in one wet weather outfit advisable. Parents can be supported with some of these additional items.

Disability Equality Impact Assessment

This policy is written with reference to and in consideration of the School's disability Equality Scheme. Assessment will include consideration of issues identified by the involvement of disabled children, staff, parents and any information the school holds on disabled children, staff and parents.

If your child requires reasonable adjustment due to Special Educational Needs or Disability. Please contact Mr S Edwards, our school SENCo.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be made to the Headteacher.