



The Orchards

School Uniform Policy

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This policy will be reviewed every 12 months or in light of a change to local and Government legislation.

The Dunham Trust's Vision, Aims and Ethos

Together we will
Challenge the ordinary
Promote individuality
Be advocates for change

Across our schools we encourage cross-collaboration and the sharing of best practice. We believe that we are able to help our schools and their young people to aspire to, and achieve, success. We are committed to ensuring that every child and young person has a pathway to succeed and that:

- gives the best possible start in life
- equips them with creativity, spirit and confidence
- enables individuals to appreciate life and equip for further learning
- supports the child in becoming a responsible citizen and contribute to the local community
- celebrates the individual

The Dunham Trust aims to contribute positively to the self-improving school-led system in education across this locality. We believe in true collaboration; working in partnership, investing in people and building capacity for long term, sustainable success. There is both the expectation and opportunity for collaboration across individual Trust schools.

The five schools in The Dunham Trust are:

Acre Hall Primary School
Barton Clough Primary School
Elmridge Primary School
The Orchards Special School
Lime Tree Primary Academy

The Dunham Trust is a growing Trust with very clear educational aims and expectations. One of The Trust's primary aims is to transform the schools within The Trust into sustainable learning communities. We want to create a community of good and outstanding schools with the highest aspirations. The skills and expertise that exist within The Trust will ensure that our academies and young people aspire to, and achieve, success. We achieve this through a well-structured School Improvement Programme which is supported by The Trust's two Teaching Schools.



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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- helps our children 'cue into' being at school and the purpose of that
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who are in receipt of free school meals will receive 2 new logo's jumpers or cardigans each September.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head of School in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head of School, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of purple and yellow. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold via the School Trends Website. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

For girls:

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or yellow striped dresses
- White blouse or polo shirt*
- Purple sweatshirt* or cardigan*, without a hood, either plain or with The Orchard's logo
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- black, navy or grey tights

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length.

For boys:

- Grey shorts or trousers not jogging bottoms
- White shirt or polo shirt*
- Navy blue sweatshirt, without a hood, either plain or with The Orchard's logo*

Reversible waterproof coats and School Fleeces with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls, are also available from The School Trends Website. Please note that children should not wear scarves inside the school building.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school.

Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black. Children who wear boots that prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes whilst inside the building.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. PE kit and PE bags may be bought from the school office. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

Girls and boys wear:

- navy blue shorts
- plain white T-shirt or polo shirt
- a pair of plimsolls – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children
- navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

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