



# Copperfield Academy

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## Uniform Policy

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## **Uniform Policy**

### **Principle**

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy.

### **Aims**

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games.

### **Make-up and Cosmetics including Transfers**

Make-up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children unless there is a specific event for which the Head has given permission.

### **Hair**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or where the haircut could produce a risk to the child's health and safety. Hair gel, wax and other 'styling' products are equivalent to make-up and cosmetics and are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back. This avoids health and safety risks as well as reducing the potential spread of headlice.

### **Footwear**

It is dangerous for children to wear any form of platform soles or high heels in school. School shoes/trainers will be fully black (with no other colour visible). There should be no obvious logos or branding on the shoes/trainers. To enable your child to safely take part in a wide range of break time sports and games making full use of adventure equipment children should wear footwear that is not loose fitting or that restricts foot movement. For PE days, children will wear black/white trainers with no branding or colour or plimsolls. This is considered appropriate for effective participation in PE. Shoes/trainers that cover the ankle are not permitted – this includes basketball trainers for PE.

### **PE Kit**

We request that parents provide PE kits for their children. We ask that this be washed and cleaned. The kit needs to be appropriate for sporting activities which allows for the child to have free movement, be comfortable and appropriately covered. Clothing will not contain logos or branding, including any jumpers, cardigans or other clothing used for outdoor PE.

From September 2024 children will wear a plain white t-shirt, black shorts (black jogging bottoms in the winter), and either black/white trainers or plimsolls for PE. No branding must be seen on any of the uniforms. Trainers covering the ankle are not permitted.

For outdoor PE during colder months, children must wear plain black jumpers that have no visible branding or logos. Outdoor jackets are not allowed to be worn during PE lessons. If children are wearing any form of branded clothing, then they will be required to wear school-lent clothing.

This action has been taken to ensure that all children wear appropriate PE kits, this is also to support parent(s)/carer(s)/families during the current cost of living crisis.

### **Non-Uniform Days or Birthday Days**

We want the children to be aware of the circumstances of others and find ways to help, give back and support those who are less privileged. We host non-uniform days to raise money for charity; these are part of the school's motivation to be an active member of the community. We invite everyone to join in these days and value any contributions. Copperfield will often suggest an amount of money we would hope that families contribute. However, if children cannot or do not want to take part in this, we will respect this. If financial reasons are part of this decision-making, please talk to the school about this as we do not want any child to be excluded from participating.

Birthdays – on a child's birthday, they are allowed to wear non-uniforms. The purpose of this is to let others wish the child a happy birthday. This is voluntary and optional. The school advises parents not to allow their child to wear any item of clothing with a hood (except a jacket).

### **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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents may be informed of the lack of appropriate school uniforms or PE equipment. The level of responsibility held by the children for their presentation will be judged by the head teacher according to the age of the child and the circumstances.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example, religious beliefs, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities or a medical condition, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher who will view these concerns sympathetically. These requests should be submitted in writing to the Headteacher.

### **Incorrect Uniform**

If Parents / Carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then a note should be sent to the class teacher explaining why this is the case and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

The school will challenge where the correct uniform is not in place. It is the discretion of the school to determine what is compliant with this policy.

Children not in the correct uniform will be given a 'class uniform' for the day, which will then be returned to the teacher at the end of the day.

To be clear, children will not be enabled to wear clothes that do not comply with our uniform policy. This is important, especially in preparation for secondary transition, when consequences for incorrect uniform could include daily suspensions etc.

If you need support with uniforms, then speak to us, and we will work together to ensure that your child(ren) has what they need.

### **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Copperfield Primary School**

We aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs. We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter, and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.

### **Ordering**

Parents can order uniforms through Arbor. We do not accept cash payments for new uniforms.

### **Cost of Living**

We do have a very good range of 'used' uniforms in school, we simply ask for a donation to our food bank (non-perishable) in return for an item. For more information, please speak to a member of our office team.

We are strict on ensuring that any form of school uniform is free from visible branding/logos. This applies to school and PE footwear, or any clothing used for outdoor PE lessons. Outdoor jackets are not permitted for PE lessons.

## Nursery and Reception

### School uniform

- Purple sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with school logo (available to order from the school office).
- White or purple Polo Shirt
- Black jogging bottoms

### PE kit

- Black trainers with Velcro fastening
- Black shorts (jogging bottoms for winter),
- White t-shirt (black jumper, with no branding, for winter)
- Plimsolls or black/white trainers (not trainers that cover the ankles)

## Year 1 – Year 5

### School uniform

- Purple sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with school logo (available to order from the school office).
- Grey trousers
- White or purple polo shirt
- White or grey socks
- Purple/Lilac checked summer dresses
- Black school shoes/trainers (with no visible branding/logos or colours)

### PE kit

- Black shorts (jogging bottoms for winter),
- White t-shirt (black jumper, with no branding, for winter)
- Plimsolls or black/white trainers (not trainers that cover the ankles)

## Year 6

### School uniform

- Black blazer with logo/badge (badge available to order from the school office).
- Grey trousers or skirt
- White or grey socks
- White shirt
- School Tie (tie available to order from the school office)
- Black school shoes/trainers (with no visible branding/logos or colours)

### PE kit

- Black shorts (jogging bottoms for winter),

- White t-shirt (black jumper, with no branding, for winter)
- Plimsolls or black/white trainers (not trainers that cover the ankles)

Please note: if a child is wearing clothing with visible branding/logos they will be required to wear a school-lent uniform for the day. This includes jumpers/cardigans for outdoor PE lessons.