



ASTON AND COTE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

This policy should be taken and used as part of Aston and Cote's overall strategy and implemented within the context of our vision, instrument of government aims, and values of a Church of England School. Aston and Cote is a Church of England School which celebrates a love of God and puts the Christian ethos at the centre of all that it does.

October 2026

Signed:	Headteacher
Signed:	Chair of Governors
Date:	Date of next review: October 2027

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Rationale

At Aston & Cote CE Primary School, we believe that wearing a school uniform helps to encourage a sense of pride in the school, giving children a sense of identity and belonging whilst helping them to flourish as unique individuals. School uniform should reflect the high standards that we expect in every aspect of school life.

Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include disability, sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Melody Chadwick (Headteacher) who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items

- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Expectations for school uniform

Our school colour is red.

Sweatshirts (red), cardigans and polo shirts (white or red) with the school logo can be bought online from our uniform suppliers. However, non-branded items in the school colours are also acceptable.

Skirts, pinafores, shorts and trousers should be black.

Red and white checked summer dresses/ playsuits can also be worn if preferred (Easter – October half term).

Children should wear black school shoes or all black smart trainers to school: flip-flops, 'Crocs' and Converse style shoes are not acceptable as they can pose a danger when children are running around during break times.

Children will need forest school clothing. This includes waterproof trousers and jacket, as well as wellies.

In hot weather we operate a 'no hat, no play' policy. Children must have a sun hat in school. Conversely, children need wet weather clothing including wellies in school. We do play and learn outside in all weathers throughout the year.

Nail varnish, false nails or make-up should not be worn. Long hair should be tied back.

For indoor PE, a pair of black shorts and a house T-shirt should be worn, while black tracksuits can be worn for outdoor PE. Children must have a change of shoes to trainers for outdoor PE. House T-shirts can be bought online or alternatively, a non-branded house T-shirt in the appropriate colours can be worn.

Jewellery should not be worn except for stud earrings and a simple watch (watches with internet connectivity and/or the ability to take photographs/ videos are not allowed). For safety reasons, children with pierced ears must remove or cover earrings with tape for P.E.

Where to purchase it

Items with a school logo can be purchased online from our school uniform supplier www.myclothing.com & [PMG Schoolwear - Schools - Aston & Cote C of E Primary School - Bampton](#). All other items can be bought from any high street store.

FACS has secondhand items in a range of sizes; please enquire at the school office if you are interested.

Expectations for our school community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements prioritise cost and value for money, for example, by avoiding single supplier contracts and allowing uniform that doesn't have the school logo on.