

Introduction

This policy was updated in September 2022 to take account of DfE guidance about the cost of school uniforms.

Aims

What children wear to school is important. Appropriate clothing reinforces good behaviour and helps to give a sense of belonging. We wish for all children to be proud of their school and to wear their uniform as a sign of belonging and pride. A smart school uniform worn by all children will promote a sense of purpose and discipline which is the foundation for both personal and academic development.

As such we expect all children to follow the uniform requirements as stated in this policy and on the school website. Every effort will be made to help all our children keep to the uniform; pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against because their parents/carers cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

Please support your child by providing uniform and appropriate P.E. kit. Other uniform items as well as Book bags and fleeces are also available via Uniform Direct (link from the school website).

Our Required Uniform

These items may be branded with the school logo from Uniform Direct, or unbranded items can be purchased more widely from supermarkets and high street shops. **UD**-Uniform Direct item

Pale blue shirt, blouse or polo shirt (Branded polo shirts **(UD)** or unbranded)

Dark grey trousers or tailored shorts (not cords or jeans) or grey pinafore, skirt, culottes (pleated or straight - not split)

A lightweight navy/white checked or striped dress may be worn as an alternative in summer months

School sweatshirt/cardigan **(UD)** or plain navy v-neck jumper/tank-top or cardigan

White, navy or grey socks or tights

Black shoes fastened with buckles, laces or velcro are worn during the school day. Heels should be no higher than 3cm. Trainers are not acceptable as footwear to be worn all day. For safety reasons, sling back, peep toe sandals and slip on shoes are not acceptable footwear. (Footwear prescribed for medical reasons will be accepted)

Reading book bag **(UD)** and water bottle.

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps to prevent lost property.

Jewellery should not be worn at school, except a watch. One plain stud only in each earlobe is acceptable for pierced ears but must be removed for PE and Games. The wearing of nail-varnish or make-up is not permitted. Body art, in the form of temporary tattoos and transfers, are also unsuitable for school.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, reversible showerproof fleeces, embroidered polo shirts and book bags in the school colours and with the school badge are available for purchase if you wish, from Uniform Direct

via the link on the school website. You can also purchase plain PE kit from here too. Plain school uniform and PE kits can be purchased at most supermarkets and high street clothing stores.

If a child arrives at school without the proper school uniform, the following procedure will be put in place:

- The Uniform policy will be explained to the child in an age-appropriate way and they will be asked to remove, if appropriate, any part that does not conform i.e. over sized hair accessories, jewellery. The teacher will speak to the parent/carer at the end of the day.
- If the uniform cannot be removed in school, the pupil will be reminded of the policy and be advised that they do not wear the item in school. The teacher will speak to the parent/carer at the end of the school day.

Hair

All hair should be tied back where long enough. Haircuts should be appropriate for school.

Where headbands, bows or other hair accessories are worn, these should be small, simple and ideally in school uniform colours. Children should not wear hair bands that have 'ears', 'boppers' or any similar attachments, except on a non-uniform day.

PE Clothing

For health and safety reasons it is important that children are properly dressed for any physical activity. Currently children come to school dressed in their PE kits on PE days. No jewellery should be worn for PE, games or swimming. This includes earrings.

Children require this uniform for PE, as follows:

- Plain white round neck T-shirt.
- Navy shorts or games skirt
- Plimsolls for indoor physical education
- An outside PE kit consisting of trainers and a navy track suit (children will go outside for PE in the winter so must be suitably dressed. A hat and gloves are also advisable).
- When swimming, children will need a one-piece swimming costume/trunks and a swimming hat.

Other Information

- For clubs, PE kit should be kept in a named drawstring bag.
- Your child will need a plastic lunch box or mini-cool bag if they are bringing lunch to school. The type with provision for storing a drink is ideal and can be stored easily.
- Please do not allow children to bring large bags to school as we only have small lockers to store them.
- Pupils are responsible for the security of their personal possessions. Children should not bring expensive items of personal property to school.
- During the summer months it is advisable for children to have a sun hat in school and please ensure your child is protected with a high factor sun screen on hot days.
- **Please label all clothing/items with your child's name**

All members of staff will:

- Ensure that uniform is protected during creative activities
- Ask children to wear uniform as set out in the policy
- Accept a reasonable explanation as to why the correct uniform is not being worn
- Ensure that footwear is safe and appropriate
- Cover stud earrings with medical tape and remove earrings that are not. We ask that all earrings are removed for PE

Parents and children will:

- Provide uniform in accordance with the policy
- Ensure that items of clothing are named (the school will not take responsibility for clothing that is not named)
- Ensure that children are not wearing nail varnish
- Ensure long hair is tied back
- Ensure that during the winter children have a waterproof and warm coat; Fleeces and waterproof jackets with the school logo can be bought from our suppliers.
- Explain to the class teacher why a child does not have the correct uniform

Friends of Ingham School:

FOIS keep a stock of nearly new/used school uniform that has been donated to them. This is regularly put on rails at the front of the school and parents can buy for a nominal cost. If FOIS have a large stock, they often give the clothing away for free. School is alert and sensitive to conversations with families who may need more uniform and recycled uniform may be offered to families, wherever needed.

Please contact this email if you require any second-hand uniform: friends.inghamprimaryschool@gmail.com or contact the school office who will be able to help you.

Items of religious dress for both adults and children:

Those clothes that are deemed part of a person's religious beliefs can be worn. This includes:

- Head scarves, Kippahs or turbans
- Dhoti (trousers worn by Hindus), items related to the Sikh Panj Kakke (only Kachera, kangha and Kara) or any other clothing but this should be in keeping with the uniform colours of grey, light blue and navy.

Non-uniform days

At times through the school year, we hold non-uniform days. On these days, the Uniform policy is relaxed and pupils can come dressed in their own clothes. In the interest of health and safety, the policy does not change for heeled shoes or boots, hair extensions/oversized accessories or jewellery.