

Sharneyford Primary School



Uniform & Appearance Policy

Mission Statement

'Sharneyford Primary School is a safe, friendly place where the special individuals work together as a team, showing care and tolerance, honesty and common sense. Children are encouraged to gain knowledge, confidence and independence and achieve the highest standards in all aspects of school life.'

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Our Policy

At Sharneyford Primary School we have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of our pupils.

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family, and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It also enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot visitors/intruders more easily.

We believe that smartness and high standards of appearance demonstrate pride and respect towards our school, and therefore we expect this at all times.

At Sharneyford we believe that a school uniform is important because it:

- ❖ Contributes to a sense of belonging
- ❖ Gives a common purpose
- ❖ Fosters a feeling of pride
- ❖ Reduces 'fashion competition' between children
- ❖ Wears well
- ❖ Looks smart

All children should wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school.

Our uniform is readily available and inexpensive.

Our School Uniform

- Navy blue jumper or
- Navy blue cardigan

- White or pale blue T shirt or
- White or pale blue shirt

- Black / grey / navy blue trousers or
- Red tartan skirt/pinafore (available from Ann's Childrenswear)

- Black / grey / navy blue shorts or (Spring/Summer)
- Light blue gingham summer dress (Spring/Summer)

- Any hair bands, ribbons or bobbles should be in school colours and a sensible size.

- Black shoes (**no** slip-on's, heels, trainers or open-toe sandals **please**)
- Plain black, grey or white socks/tights

We would ask parents to please ensure that all uniform is clearly, permanently labelled, as items are easily mislaid.

Stockists

- Great value uniform items can be bought from the major supermarket chains.
- **Ann's Childrenswear in Bacup** sells items of uniform with our school emblem embroidered or printed on (these include a fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan, polo shirts and T-shirts).

Outdoor clothing

- Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather (the weather here can rapidly change and children need to stay warm and dry for outdoors learning).
- Smart coats/fleeces are also available from **Ann's Childrenswear**, embroidered with the school logo.

PE/Games kit

- For health & safety reasons it is essential that children are dressed suitably for any physical activity.
- Pumps (indoors) or trainers (outdoors) for footwear (or bare feet for gymnastics is allowed).
- Plain navy blue or black shorts
- Plain white T shirt
- Named PE bag (to be taken home each week for washing)

Fashion items/jewellery/other

We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion.

- No make-up, nail polish or hair gel.
- Analogue (not digital) watches can be worn by those learning to tell the time.
- Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school.
- For safety reasons, we ask that children who have had their ears pierced do not wear earrings to school.
- If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons we ask that it is covered up for physical activities.
- Long hair should be tied back with school coloured, simple accessories.

- Sunhats are encouraged during sunny weather to protect your child.

Role of Staff

- To set a good example in terms of dress.
- To encourage pupils to dress according to school policy.

Role of Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child/children understands and follows the school policy.

Role of Headteacher & Governing Body

- To ensure that pupils follow the school policy.
- Respond accordingly to any grievance with regards to the policy.
- Follow DFE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil does not follow the school policy, unless on the grounds of health & safety.

Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race Equality and Gender Discrimination. Sharneyford Primary School is committed to equality for all and to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work in an environment that allows them to achieve their full potential.