



CONSETT INFANT SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

SEPTEMBER 2025





Date Implemented: September 2025

Review Date: September 2027

1. Introduction and Purpose

This policy outlines the requirements for school uniform at Consett Infant School. It aims to:

- Promote a sense of belonging and community within the school.
- Create a smart and consistent appearance for all pupils.
- Foster a positive attitude towards learning.
- Ensure pupils are dressed safely and appropriately for the school environment.
- Be affordable for all parents/carers.

2. Policy Statement

At Consett Infant School, we strongly encourage all pupils to wear school uniform. We believe that wearing a school uniform helps promote a strong sense of identity within school and the community which creates pride in the children and their school. It makes them feel part of our school family. This policy has been created with consideration for affordability, practicality, and inclusivity.

3. Legal and Regulatory Framework

This policy is compliant with the following:

- **The Education Act 1996:** This act outlines the general responsibilities of schools regarding pupil welfare and education.
- **The Equality Act 2010:** This act ensures that the school uniform policy does not discriminate against pupils based on protected characteristics (e.g., race, religion, disability).
- **Department for Education (DfE) Guidance:** This policy takes into account the DfE's guidance on school uniform, which emphasises affordability, accessibility, and inclusivity.
- **Human Rights Act 1998:** This act ensures that the school uniform policy respects the human rights of pupils, including the right to freedom of expression and religion.



4. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Headteacher:** Overall responsibility for the implementation and review of the policy.
- **Governing Body:** Approves the policy and monitors its effectiveness.
- **Staff:** Enforce the policy consistently and fairly.
- **Parents/Carers:** Ensure that their child adheres to the uniform policy.
- **Pupils:** Adhere to the uniform policy and represent the school positively.

5. Uniform Requirements

5.1. Standard Uniform

- **Tops:**
 - White polo/T-shirts (plain or with school logo).
 - Red sweatshirts or sweatcardis (plain or with school logo).
- **Bottoms:**
 - Black, or grey skirts, pinafores or trousers.
- **Summer Uniform (Optional):**
 - red check/stripe dresses or skirts
 - black, or grey shorts
 - white T-shirts or polo-shirts

5.2. Physical Education (PE) Kit (Optional)

- Plain red t-shirt.
- Black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings.
- Trainers or plimsolls.

5.3. Optional Items

- Consett Infant School-branded book bag.
- Red polar fleece or Ultimate Reversible Coat

5.4. Jewellery and Accessories

- Only plain stud earrings are permitted.
- No other jewellery is permitted.
- Hair accessories should be practical.



5.5. Hair

- Hair should be neat and tidy.
- Extreme hairstyles (e.g., shaved patterns, unnatural colours) are not permitted.

6. Implementation

6.1. Communication

- The uniform policy will be communicated to all parents/carers via the school website, school newsletters, and parent meetings.

6.2. Enforcement

- Staff will monitor pupils' adherence to the uniform policy daily.
- If a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform, a member of staff will speak to them and, if necessary, contact their parents/carers.

6.3. Financial Assistance

- The school will consider requests for financial assistance with uniform purchases on a case-by-case basis.
- We want people to recycle preloved school uniform, rather than put it in the bin. We run a uniform exchange which makes it easy for families to pass on school uniform that's no longer needed and, instead of buying new, find items of school uniform for free!

7. Exemptions and Modifications

- The school will consider requests for exemptions from the uniform policy on religious or medical grounds.
- Requests for exemptions should be made in writing to the Headteacher.
- The school will make reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy to accommodate pupils with disabilities.

8. Monitoring and Review

- The uniform policy will be reviewed every two years by the Headteacher and Governing Body.
- The review will take into account feedback from pupils, parents/carers, and staff.
- The policy will be updated as necessary to ensure that it remains compliant with relevant legislation and best practises.



9. Related Policies

- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Policy
- SEND Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy

10. Contact Information

For any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact the school office.