



SPRINGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Uniform Policy

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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.

At Springwood, it is our policy that all pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform when attending school or when representing the school.

The aim is that pupils of Springwood will develop and feel a sense of community and belonging through the wearing of the school uniform. The governors, parents and staff together believe that wearing a school uniform enhances this feeling of belonging. Some pupils like to wear uniform as it helps them to understand more about which days are school days and which are weekends and holidays. However, we do have a relaxed approach to uniform as we understand the differing needs of our pupils. Issues of safety and comfort for individual pupils, which may necessitate some changes to the usual uniform, can be taken into consideration. Parents are asked to mark all clothes and belongings with their child's name.

Own clothing worn by pupils must still follow some fundamental principles:

- It must be safe and practical for school use;
- It must promote and maintain pupil's dignity.

We believe that a school uniform plays a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school;
- providing a sense of belonging and identity;
- setting an appropriate tone for education;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Legal Duties Under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include 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 for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality.

Our 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. At Springwood, it is our policy that pupils are encouraged to wear uniform when attending school.

We will make sure our uniform:

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

All items of uniform are readily available to buy in the local supermarkets. Items of clothing with the School logo are also available to buy directly from the following suppliers:

Whittakers Schoolwear, 123-125 Chorley Road, Swinton, Manchester, M27 4AA

Tel: 0161 794 1396 / swinton-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

McLellan Schoolwear, 94/96 Moorside Road, Swinton, Manchester, M27 0HJ

Tel: 0161 794 1169 / www.mclellanclothing.com

A complete set of Springwood Logo uniform **is not** essential for pupils.

Daily School Uniform	
Uniform should consist of:	Optional extras include:
Polo neck t-shirt (Red, yellow, blue, white, with or without school logo)	Fleece jacket or coat (with or without the school logo)
Black or grey bottoms (trousers, skirt, shorts, Pinafore or jogging bottoms)	Blue and white summer dress (can be worn any time of year)
Royal blue round or V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo)	
Pupils are also encouraged to bring:	
a bag (e.g., backpack) and a coat (suitable for the seasonal weather)	

PE Kit

Where pupils take part in P.E. lessons, they will be expected to change into suitable items of clothing. PE kit should be sent into school in a small bag with the child's name clearly labelled. Pupils PE kit will remain in school and be sent home for washing at the end of each half-term. If pupils represent the school as part of a sporting event, pupils will be provided with a sports kit for the event.

We request that parents and carers provide the following items of clothing for P.E.

PE and Swimming Kit	
PE kit should consist of:	Swimming kit should consist of:
A plain white or blue t-shirt Black shorts or jogging bottoms Pumps or trainers	Swim shorts or one-piece swimming costume A towel
<p>Pupils are also encouraged to bring:</p> <p>a bag (for swimming kit)</p> <p>Please note: Swimming kit is only needed for pupils attending the Swinton and Summerville sites</p>	

Outdoor Learning

At Springwood, we have extensive outdoor areas, which offer excellent opportunities for both formal and informal learning and play. They are used for a wide range of skills and subject based teaching. Pupils will need to have appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather to enable them to fully access the learning opportunities outside.

We request that parents and carers provide the following items of clothing into school for use when learning outside.

Outdoor Learning Kit	
Outdoor clothing should consist of:	Optional items:
Warm, waterproof coat Wellington boots	Waterproof suit or trousers Sturdy footwear, e.g., walking boots/shoes
<p>Pupils are also encouraged to bring:</p> <p>woolly hat, scarf and gloves for Winter</p> <p>sun hat for Summer</p>	

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. There may be exceptions to this for religious reasons.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Aims

- Help families access school uniform at no cost;
- Extend the life of items that children quickly grow out of;
- Promote a positive eco-friendly culture of contributing and reusing.

Springwood has a stock of pre-loved uniform. If you are struggling to provide items of uniform for your child, we may be able to source a pre-loved item, although this may not be guaranteed.

If you would like to see if there are any items available in our pre-loved stock, please contact:

Springwood@thelinkeducationtrust.co.uk

How to Donate

Donations of clean, outgrown uniform is very much appreciated. Donations can be handed in at the school office. Please put in a bag marked "Uniform Donations". Please try to remove name labels prior to donating.

Lost Property

The school does not have the space to keep lost property for long periods of time. Therefore, at the end of each term, any unclaimed uniform will be removed, washed and donated to the pre-loved uniform stock. Please ensure your all child's clothes are clearly named as named items are returned to their owner and not put into Lost Property.

Monitoring and review

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

The role of Governors

The Local Governing Body supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Executive Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Executive Headteacher to report to the governors to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

This policy is linked to our:

Health and Safety Policy
Equality Statement
Complaints Policy