

Carterhatch



Infant School

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School Uniform Policy

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Sources of policy	DfE Statutory guidance on cost of school uniform and DfE guidance on school uniform, November 2021

Main points from DfE Statutory Guidance

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable.

In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.

Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum.

A school's uniform policy should be published on the school's website, be available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and be easily understood.

Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).

Single supplier contracts should be avoided unless regular tendering competitions are run where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract should be retendered at least every 5 years.

Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective pupils and published on the school's website.

Schools should engage with parents and pupils when they are developing their school uniform policy.

Carterhatch Infant School uniform policy

At Carterhatch Infant school uniform is worn throughout the school as we believe it encourages a sense of belonging and identity.

Uniform at our school

Our aim is that uniform is inclusive and low cost. It consists of the following items

- Green sweatshirt, cardigan, fleece or jumper (this may have the school logo but is not insisted upon)
- White polo shirt or White shirt
- White, black or grey socks or tights
- Grey trousers, skirts or pinafores
- In summer, grey shorts or green and white check dresses
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
- Book bag
- During the winter months all children should wear a coat

Pre-loved uniform

We ask all parents to donate any uniform that is still in good condition but is no longer used. A pre - loved uniform stall will be held in the playground at the end of every half term. Parents can request uniform from the Parent Support Advisors, Sandra O'Driscoll at any time.

Where parents/carers can purchase our school uniform

Sweatshirts, Cardigans and Book Bags can be purchased from the school office.

Uniform 4 Kids – 242 Hertford Road, Enfield, EN3 5BL 0208 804 3627

<https://www.uniform4kids.com/>

At Carterhatch Infant School, we will always try and support our parents as we value all pupils wearing and following the school uniform policy. We have a small fund to support parents with the purchase of school uniform so please speak to the school office if you need support. There are also some school uniform grants available from the Local Authority and other agencies that we can signpost parents to.

PE Kits

PE kits consist of

- Black shorts
- A plain white T shirt
- A plain black tracksuit for winter
- Trainers

General Appearance

Pupils should wear clean uniform and have long hair tied back or braided. Shoes should be all black including the soles and in good condition so that pupils are safe and comfortable. Children should not wear jewellery to school, the only exception is small, plain stud ear-rings which children will need to be able to remove for P.E. and a watch – not a smart watch.

Religions and Beliefs

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner. If our school has good reason for restricting an individual's freedoms, for example, the promotion of cohesion and good order in the school, or genuine health and safety or security considerations, the restriction of an individual's rights to manifest their religion or belief may be justified.

Carterhatch Infant School will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within a school uniform policy and the governing body will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

Engagement with parents/carers

The school will engage with parents and pupils when developing their uniform policy to ensure that it is suitable for their school community, recognising that the school community may change over time.

Discrimination

Even when a policy has been agreed, Carterhatch Infant School will be able to allow for some individual variations to their uniform policy, where necessary to avoid indirect discrimination. For instance, reasonable adjustments will be made, as appropriate, for pupils with a disability.

At Carterhatch Infant School we aim to make our school uniform as inclusive as possible so if parents have any requests or concerns then please contact the school.

Other things to think about

Jewellery where possible should not be worn to school and will be the responsibility of the pupils not the school. The only jewellery allowed is one pair of small stud earrings, a watch and a cross or other recognised religious symbol and chain. If you are unsure whether an item fits into the allowed jewellery, then please contact the school office. Accessories do not form part of the school uniform code.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name to avoid them being lost. At Carterhatch Infant School our lost property is located by the office. But all named items will be returned to the owner.

During hot weather children should bring a bottle of water and a sun hat into school, every day. Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before school.