



OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Desford Community Primary School, we ask that all children wear school uniform. The importance of school uniform is well documented in helping to maintain high expectations, with some of the other benefits being the encouragement of a sense of community, equality and fairness, and improved behaviour. This page outlines the uniform expectations. Our full uniform policy can be found on our school website. We do allow reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality. Please contact the school office to make any requests of this nature. Where uniform expectations are not being met, we will speak with parents, ask children to remove items, or provide spare uniform for the duration of that school day.

 <p>Blue/white polo shirt as shown</p>	 <p>Royal/cobalt blue jumper fleece or cardigan as shown</p>	<p>YEAR 6 ONLY White, long/short sleeved shirt with tie</p> 
 <p>Blue checked dress</p>	 <p>Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or dress</p>	 <p>Plain black, sensible shoes/trainers</p>

Backpack/Bookbag (school options available)



School options for bags are available but children can choose their own style of bag if they would prefer.

Jewellery & Devices



Jewellery such as earrings, necklaces, bracelets and friendship bands are not permitted, with the exception of **small studded earrings**.



Watches are allowed. Devices that have the capacity to take video/photos or send & receive messages or calls not permitted.

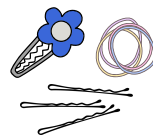


Mobile phones are not permitted in school except in circumstances outlined in the mobile phone policy which can be found on the school website.

Hair & Accessories



Hair should be smart and presentable and contain no unnatural colours whilst allowing for some self-expression.



Small, subtle hair accessories in school uniform colours are permitted (e.g. blue, white, black and grey).



Children can wear hats during outdoor social time and in PE lessons for sun protection.

All school uniform items MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name

Whilst we encourage children to purchase uniform with the school logo on it, uniform purchased from other suppliers in the same colours is also acceptable. We stock a range of pre-loved uniform at school with all proceeds going to The Friends of Desford Community Primary School (FODCPS) parent group. Please ask at the school office for details. We also welcome donations of any items of pre-loved uniform that is in good condition and in line with the requirements outlined above. There is more information on the school website on how to place uniform orders.

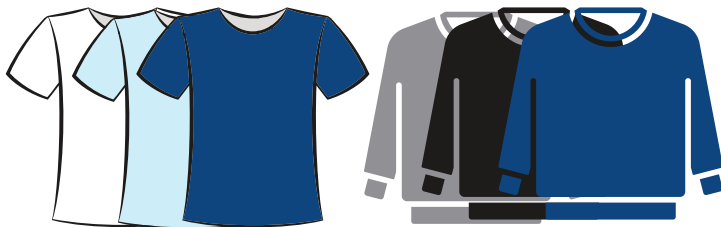


PE KIT & INFORMATION

The principles that apply to school uniform also apply to PE kit. It is also important for younger children to develop independence in changing for PE and for all children to wear clothing and footwear that keeps them safe and allows flexibility of movement. PE kit should be plain and not contain any large logos or slogans on it or represent any sports team (e.g. known football or rugby team shirts). Below is an outline of the options for PE kit.

THE TOP HALF

We ask that your child always changes into a different top for PE. This should be a standard plain T-shirt or sport T-shirt and in one of the colours shown below. No logos, slogans or team kits (e.g. football, rugby)



T-shirt

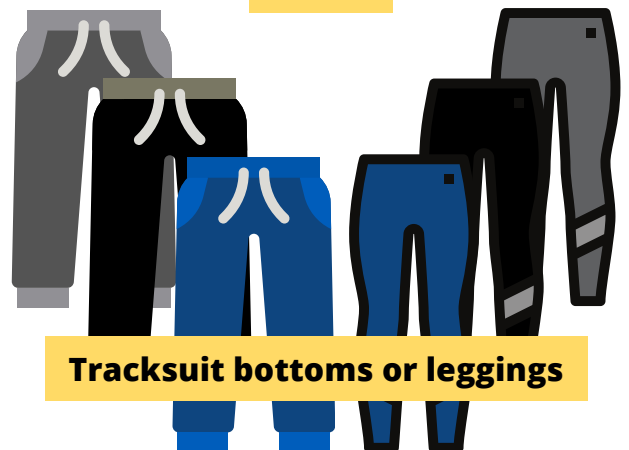
Jumper

THE LOWER HALF

We appreciate that finding shorts, tracksuits or leggings in school colours may be more difficult from some shops, so we ask that you buy them in line with the readily available colour scheme shown below.



Shorts



Tracksuit bottoms or leggings

Footwear does not need to be in the school colours and should be PE trainers that fit comfortably.



PE Trainers or plimsolls

PE SAFETY



JEWELLERY

We ask that all jewellery and watches are removed for PE and swimming. It may be more convenient for jewellery to be removed on PE days.



HAIR

All children with longer hair need to tie their hair back for PE lessons. Where children do not have hair ties, we will provide them to the children.



WEATHER

Children in Key Stage 2 need to be prepared for outside PE but children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will usually be indoors when the weather is colder.



NON-PARTICIPANTS

Pupils unable to take an active part in a lesson will fulfil a non-participant role such as: a journalist; equipment manager; coach; referee.

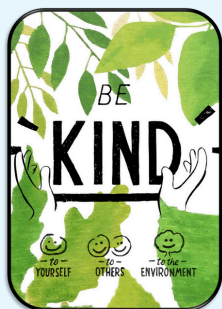
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Please visit our school website for more information about placing uniform orders.

WHY WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM?

There are many benefits and reasons for why wearing a school uniform is an important part of coming to school. At Desford Community Primary School, we encourage all children to dress smartly and wear our school colours, whilst sometimes supporting families with access to uniform or providing spare uniform for children who have forgotten theirs. **Below are the reasons why we value school uniform at Desford.**

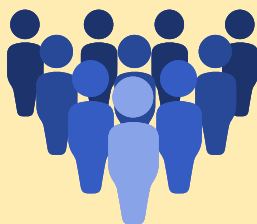
1) School Ethos & Identity



By asking everyone to wear the same set of clothes, this encourages a sense of unity, so that all children understand that they belong to the group that is Desford Community Primary School and take pride in that.

2) Equality and Fairness

When everyone wears the same uniform regardless of gender or background, this removes any preconceived ideas about what to wear, allowing for greater group cohesion and commonality.



3) Socioeconomic solution

Children can often tell one another's socioeconomic status or background based on the clothing they are wearing, this then becomes a basis for bullying and discrimination. If everyone wears the same uniform, it is harder to notice these differences.

4) Improved Behaviour

School uniforms help to establish good behaviour expectations among children, making them less likely to act out or break other rules.

5) Reduced Bullying

Schools use uniform to cut down on bullying. By encouraging everyone to wear the same set of clothes, this reduces the opportunities for children to make fun of each other based upon their clothing choices.



6) Improved Focus

School uniforms are proven to help children focus on their schoolwork. As they develop an association between uniform and learning, simply putting on their uniform helps a child get into the right mindset, preparing them for a day of working hard and focussing.



7) Pupil Identification

School uniforms are good for school trips as well as on site learning. Children wearing school uniforms are easier to identify and keep track of in large crowds.



8) Dress for Success

Children need to learn the importance of dressing appropriately for each situation they encounter in life. Having a uniform prepares children for the expectations that are enforced in secondary education and that they may encounter in the working world.

