



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

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School Uniform Policy

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• Aims/Introduction

ELT is a welcoming and inclusive Trust. Our uniform policy is designed to support this by fostering a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school community while reducing barriers and managing costs for families.

We pay attention that our uniform is reasonably priced and offers the best value for money for all parents and carers.

• Our school’s legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

To support this, 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.
- Keeps costs the same for all pupils.
- Allows reasonable adjustments for inclusiveness, equality, and religious reasons. If your child needs further adjustments, please inform the school.

• Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable and in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers’ ability to ‘shop around’ for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is reasonably priced.
- Offers the best value for money.
- Is available second-hand.

- Involves consultation with parents/carers and pupils for significant changes.

- **Expectations for our school community**

.1 Pupils

Pupils should wear the correct uniform at all times, except on designated non-uniform days, including:

- On school premises.
- While traveling to and from school.
- At school-organised events or trips.

.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers should ensure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, which should be:

- Clean.
- Clearly labelled with the child's name.
- In good condition.

.3 Governors

The governing board will review this policy to ensure it:

- Fits our school's context.
- Is implemented fairly.
- Considers the views of parents/carers and pupils.
- Provides a practical and safe uniform for all pupils.
- Prioritizes cost and value for money in uniform supplier arrangements.

- **Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed every three years by the full governing body. Any changes in DfE guidance will trigger a review.

- **Links to other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

Appendix 1

The Priory School

The staff and governors of the school are keen to ensure a high standard is maintained when it comes to students' school uniform and appearance.

The items required are readily available from our local supplier: www.kit-shop.co.uk 01372 378303

The school has 3 items of branded clothing – tie, blazer and jumper. Pupils must wear ONE OR MORE of the branded items as part of their uniform. The school branded jumper or blazer are the only items students will be permitted to wear in school.

Students may wear either trousers or a school skirt.

Shoes must be black, leather look and polishable.

During cold weather, students are asked to wear a jumper or blazer to keep them warm.

Item	Requirements	Clarification
Blazer	Black Blazer with school badge (Kit-Shop)	
Skirt	Black school skirt (Kit-Shop)	Skirts must not be rolled up – no leggings underneath.
Trousers	Black School trousers (Any retailer)	Jeggings/leggings, drainpipe/low slung trousers or jeans are not permitted.
Shirt	White school shirt (Any retailer)	Must be always tucked in (not sports shirt).
Jumper	Black v neck jumper with school logo. (Kit-Shop)	Optional. No sweatshirt or hoodies.
Shoes	Black leather or leather look shoes (Any retailer)	No boots, canvas or sports trainers such as Nike Airforce or Fly knit.
Socks/ Tights	Natural/Black tights or plain grey or black socks.	No leggings, footless tights or patterned tights. No socks worn on top of tights.
Hair	No extreme haircuts. Dyed hair should be one natural colour. No shaved lines in the hair or eyebrows. Long hair must be tied back for some practical lessons.	
Make-up	Minimal natural make-up is permitted. No nail varnish, gels/shellac/acrylic nails or fake eyelashes. Students will be asked to remove these.	
Jewellery	One pair of small plain studs worn in each ear. Earrings must be removed for PE. No other jewellery is permitted. One watch is allowed. Smart watches linked to mobile devices will be confiscated if used for communication purposes. No facial/body piercings or any other ear piercings.	

- PE Uniform Requirements

Please ensure that all uniform and PE kit is marked with the student's name. Physical Education clothing should be carried in a separate bag so that books are not ruined.

Item	Permitted clothing for both boys and girls	Retailer
Top	Compulsory: Priory embroidered emerald green polo shirt and/or Priory embroidered emerald green rugby shirt with white collar	Can only be purchased from our stockist: The Kit Shop
	Optional: House T-shirt	Can be purchased from Scopay.
Bottoms	Compulsory: Black shorts or skort	Any retailer
	Optional: Black tracksuit bottoms Black sport leggings	
Jumper	Optional: Black fleece (plain generic or Priory embroidered) Black sweatshirt (plain generic or Priory embroidered)	Embroidered items can be purchased from our stockist. Generic items can be purchased from any retailer.
Socks	Compulsory: Emerald green football socks (winter months)	Any retailer
	Optional: White sports socks (summer months)	
Footwear	Compulsory: Trainers	Any retailer
	Optional: Football/Rugby boots	
Sport specific items	Compulsory for specific sports: Gumshields Shinpads	Any retailer
For the winter months	Optional: White, black or green base layers	Any retailer
Swimming	Compulsory: Black one piece swimming costume Black swimming shorts/trunks Towel Goggles	Any retailer

Students need to remember to bring their PE kit when they have PE on their timetable. All students are expected to take part in the lesson. Students who are ill or injured will also need to get changed into their PE kit and help out during the lesson.