



Northway Infant School
Carrant Brook Junior School

School Uniform Guidance

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in Appendix 1 below and also on our school websites.

The Local Academy Body is committed to ensuring that school uniform is affordable and represents good value for money. Wherever possible, items are available from a range of retailers and only a maximum of 3 items require a school logo. The school supports families through regular nearly-new uniform sales and may be able to provide support where financial hardship is identified.

The school will make reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy to accommodate pupils' religious beliefs, cultural practices, disabilities or medical needs.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Specific points to note

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school with the exception of Medic Alert necklaces or bracelets. Other exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a suitable chain. The children are also invited to wear analogue watches. For health and safety reasons, earrings should be removed by the child before PE lessons. Staff are unable to remove or replace earrings."

Hair

Long hair must be secured appropriately with simple, plain hair bands, bobbles or flat clips. Hairstyles should be appropriate for a primary school setting and should not include patterns, lines shaved into the hair, or colours that are significantly different from a child's natural hair colour. We discourage large bows or other hair accessories, which may become a distraction in the classroom.

Nails

Nail varnish should not be worn to school, as this may become a distraction in the classroom. Artificial nails should also not be worn – these can prevent a pupil from completing tasks in school safely and can be a danger to others.

Naming Uniform

All uniform, including PE kit, Forest School kit and coats should be clearly named, so it may be easily returned to the pupil if found.

Hijab

Hijabs may be worn in school.

Footwear

In the interests of health and safety, all children should wear smart, flat, black shoes. This can include plain black trainers for daily use and comfort.

For PE, the children should wear trainers. In winter months, additional footwear will be required on PE days.

PE Kit

At the Infants, children should bring a PE kit into school in preparation for their PE lessons. This PE kit will remain in school and will be sent home regularly for washing. Children will change into and out of their PE kits at school to help them practise and develop these important independence skills.

At the Juniors, children should come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons. They will no longer need to change at school before PE. Class teachers will inform parents/carers of PE days.

During the winter months, or when the field is being used for sports such as Tag Rugby, additional footwear may be required to prevent mud and dirt from being brought into the school building.

On swimming days, children may wear their swimming costume or swimming shorts underneath their school uniform if they feel comfortable doing so. Bikinis and baggy swim shorts are not permitted.

Outdoor Learning/ Forest School

Forest School sessions take place throughout the year in all weather conditions unless deemed unsafe. Suitable clothing is therefore essential. See Appendix 1 for forest school.

The Role of Parents and Carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher is responsible for the implementation of this policy. The Local Academy Board will review the policy annually.

Appendix 1 – School Uniform

To keep costs reasonable for all families, our **schools strictly limit compulsory branded uniform to a maximum of three items**, ensuring all other garments can be purchased as generic, unbranded schoolwear from any high-street retailer. **These items are highlighted in GREEN on the table below**

Items which feature the schools logo are available to buy from Brigade School Wear; <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>

Non-logo items can be bought in high street stores or supermarkets. EBay is also a good source for plain PE kit items.

There will be regular, nearly new uniform sales throughout the year, dates will be announced in the school newsletter.

Uniform Expectations

The following items constitute the school's expected uniform.

General uniform:

- Plain white blouse or polo shirt;
- School sweatshirt /cardigan (these can be branded with the school logo or plain green);
- Grey/black smart trousers, skirt or pinafore dress; these must be of a reasonable length
- Smart, practical black shoes, boots or trainers with flat heels;
- Hairbands to be plain;
- Plain socks, white, grey or black;
- Black/grey tights.

Additional summer option:

- Grey/black smart skirt or shorts;
- Green checked summer dress, playsuit or green gingham shorts with white polo top

PE kit:

- **PE branded t-shirt (Northway Infants Green)**
- **PE branded t-shirt (Carrant Brook - Red, Blue or Green depending on your child's house colour);**
- Black/ Navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms;
- Black/ Navy Jumper or school jumper
- Trainers – any colour
- For safety reasons, long hair must be tied back and earrings removed.

Jewellery:

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted with the following exceptions:

- Medic Alert necklace/bracelets;

- Earring studs in pierced ears;
- Small objects of religious significance such as a crucifix on a chain;
- Analogue watches only

For health and safety reasons, earrings should be removed by the child before PE lessons. Staff are unable to remove or replace earrings.

Book bags:

All children at Northway Infants should have a branded book bag, with the school logo

These are available from Brigade School wear.

Children at Carrant Brook Juniors should bring in a backpack.

PE kit bags:

PE kit bags featuring the school logo are optional and are available from Brigade School Wear.

Water bottles:

We encourage the children to drink throughout the day. Please send in a water bottle daily clearly marked with your child's name.

Outdoor wear:

- Children require a warm, sensible waterproof coat/jacket;
- Hat, and gloves in the winter period;
- Sunhat for summer period.

Forest School kit:

Forest School sessions take place throughout the year in all weather conditions unless deemed unsafe. Suitable clothing is therefore essential

Children will need:

- Long thick jogging bottoms
- Long-sleeved t-shirt
- Fleece or warm jumper
- Extra socks
- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Extra hat, scarf, gloves

Please ensure that all these items are named and are bought into school in preparation for Forest School days.