DARRICK WOOD
INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

MAY 2026

Next Review Date: May 2029

Staff should make themselves aware of all policies and amendments or updates to policies and adhere to the same, which will be made available on relevant websites and internal data and computer systems.

Executive Summary - Darrick Wood Infant & Nursery School Uniform Policy May 2026:

Purpose of the Policy

- The policy follows Department for Education guidance on affordable school uniform.
- It aims to ensure uniform:
  - Is reasonably priced
  - Provides value for money
  - Minimises unnecessary branded items
- The school also supports access to second-hand uniform and aims to reduce financial pressure on families.

General Uniform Expectations

- All children are expected to wear school uniform.
- Uniform colours are green, grey, yellow and white.
- Branded jumpers/cardigans are preferred but not compulsory.
- Unbranded uniform can be purchased from any retailer.
- Uniform is also available from Oz Schoolwear and Graduates.
- Second-hand uniform is available through the school.
- All clothing and coats should be clearly named.

Main School Uniform (Reception to Year 2)

Children should wear:

- Green jumper or cardigan
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey tailored trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- White, grey or black socks/tights
- Black shoes only (no trainers, sandals, heels or boots)

Optional Items

- Yellow/white or green/white gingham summer dress

Nursery Uniform

- Nursery children wear the same uniform as the rest of the school.
- Green jogging bottoms are also permitted for nursery children due to their age.

Appearance Rules

- Long hair must be tied back.
- The following are not permitted:
  - Make-up
  - Nail varnish
  - Transfers
  - Jewellery (except small stud earrings, which should be removed or covered for PE)

Coats

- Coats should be suitable for the season.
- No restriction on coat colour.

PE Kit Requirements

Children should wear:

- White t-shirt
- Black or green shorts

- White socks
- Black plimsolls

Additional PE expectations:

- Infants are encouraged to do indoor PE barefoot.
- Children must come to school already wearing PE kit on PE days.

Optional outdoor PE items:

- Green, grey or black tracksuit
- Trainers (not fashion trainers)

Additional rules:

- No visible commercial logos on tracksuits.
- All PE clothing should be clearly named.

Policy Review

- Policy updated in May 2026.
- Next formal review due in May 2029.

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This policy has been reviewed and written in line with the statutory DfE guidance October 2025 Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK

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.

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require pupils to wear is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that must 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' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers. We will do this by:
    - Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
    - Limiting items with distinctive characteristics
    - Periodically reviewing our contract with uniform suppliers to ensure we obtain best value for money
    - Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
    - Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second hand uniform items
    - Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
    - Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

All children wear uniform at Darrick Wood Infant & Nursery School. We believe uniform looks smart, is practical and encourages a sense of belonging. The school is proud of the excellent standard of appearance of the children and the uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible.

It is preferable to have jumpers and cardigans that have the school logo, but this is not compulsory. Unbranded uniform can be purchased from any store. Alternatively, Oz Schoolwear or Graduates, our uniform suppliers, have a full range of competitively priced items available to purchase directly from their shop or online.

The school also have second hand uniform available for purchase or for a monetary donation.

Please ensure all uniform and coats are named.

School Uniform

The school uniform colours are green, grey, yellow and white. All children in Reception to Year 2 are required to wear the following:

- Green jumper or green cardigan (preferable with school logo)
- White shirt, white blouse or white polo shirt
- Grey tailored trousers or grey tailored shorts
- Grey tailored skirt (knee length), or pinafore dress (knee length)
- White, grey or black socks/tights
- Black shoes (no trainers, sandals, heels or boots)

Optional

- Yellow/white or green/white gingham summer dress

Nursery Uniform

All children in nursery are expected to wear the school uniform described above. However, we have included green jogging bottoms as an option, considering their young age.

Coats

Coats should be appropriate for the season. There is no stipulation on colour.

Note:

- Long hair should be tied back
- No make-up, nail varnish, transfers or jewellery (other than small studs which should be removed or covered on P.E. days)

P.E. Kit

For reasons of hygiene and safety, children should be dressed for P.E. as follows:

- White t-shirt
- Black or Green shorts
- White socks
- Black plimsolls (infants are encouraged to do P.E. in bare feet indoors)

Optional for outdoor games

- Tracksuit (for cold weather) - these should be green, grey or black in line with school colours. No visible commercial logos.
- Trainers (not fashion trainers)

Children must come to school wearing their P.E. kit on their P.E. day.

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name.

Monitoring and Implementation Policy

The policy is reviewed every three years, although the Trust may vary or amend it periodically to ensure that we fulfil our obligation around the School Uniform Policy. All proposed changes to this policy would be made following the approval from the Committee.

	Name	Date
Policy written by	Headteacher/Principal	May 2026
Review by Committee	Local Governing Board	May 2026
Agreed by Governing Board	Local Governing Board	October 2026
To be reviewed every three years		
Review by	May 2029	