



**Amington Heath Primary School and Nursery**  
**Uniform and Equipment Policy**

**School Own Policy**

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## Introduction

At Amington Heath Primary School, we believe that wearing a school uniform is an essential element of being part of our school. Uniform creates a shared identity for our pupils, one of which the school community can be proud. Our chosen uniform is practical and can be purchased at cost effective prices, and helps to avoid 'competition' over fashion clothing. It also promotes equality and prevents discrimination.

This policy outlines the expected uniform for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6, including requirements for standard uniform, other school kit and matters of personal appearance, such as jewellery, hair and make-up.

## Labelling

It is important that all school uniform, including shoes and wellington boots, and equipment is labelled with your child's name, so that any lost items can be quickly returned. School staff will not be able to spend time searching for or returning unnamed items.

## Standard Uniform

The following labelled uniform should be worn by all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6, on ordinary school days:

- Light blue or white polo-shirt (with or without school logo);
- Navy blue jogging bottoms, legging, shorts, dress or skirt;
- Summer - blue gingham summer dress/skirt;
- Navy blue hooded jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo);
- Grey, black, white or navy socks/tights;
- Trainers or black school shoes

Please note:

- School hooded jumpers with the school logo are available from the school office. This is the cheapest place to buy them from.
- Footwear should be safe, practical and securely fitted, i.e. with laces/buckles/Velcro - no heels.
- Footwear should not be decorated, i.e. no 'jewels', or contain toys, or have 'lights'!
- All polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans may be worn with the school logo, but this is not compulsory.
- During warmer weather, children are expected to wear a cap or sun hat for sun safety when outdoors.
- During colder or wet weather, children must have a warm, waterproof coat, with a hood.

- The school reserves the right to request that parents correct any inappropriate item of uniform.

## PE and School Sports

The uniform at Amington Heath is designed to fit with our active and practical approach to learning. As such there is no separate PE kit, however on PE days children should be in trouser or short not dresses or skirts. Trainers should be worn.

Pupils in classes receiving swimming lessons will also require a labelled swimming kit, which should be brought into school in a separate drawstring bag on the day of their lesson. This should contain:

- Trunks (not long shorts) or one-piece costume (not bikinis/tankinis)
- A towel
- Swimming hat (if hair is long enough to fall into the eyes)

Fitted swimming t-shirts may also be worn.

Children participating in inter school competitions, may be requested to wear alternative kit. Parents will be advised off this.

## Outdoor Adventure

All children at Amington Heath participate in outdoor adventure. The uniform at Amington Heath is designed to fit with our active and practical approach to learning. On days when children have outdoor adventure, they must wear long trousers and long sleeves. They will also need to bring outer clothes appropriate for the weather, including waterproof trousers, waterproof coat, wellington boots, sun hat etc. During the warmer months, children should have suncream applied prior to coming to school but may bring a labelled bottle to apply during the day.

## OPAL

Amington Heath is an OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) school. As such, children will play outside every day regardless of the weather. They must bring appropriate outer clothing for the weather.

We strongly encourage parents to leave wellington boots in school for OPAL and Outdoor Learning.

The school does have a large supply of wellington boots and waterproofs for children to sue but this us on a first come, first served basis.

## Other Equipment

The children will also require the following labelled equipment:

- A named water bottle.
- A small bag for their book bag, lunch box etc

We ask that the children do not bring pencil cases and stationery into school. This is to avoid loss, damage, use of unsuitable stationery and competition between the children.

## Jewellery

Children are prohibited from wearing jewellery in school (other than the exceptions below). These items can often be valuable, are easily lost or broken and can be a safety hazard.

Small, simple, stud earrings are acceptable (i.e. like those used for piercing), but these must be either removed or fully covered for PE activities. Parents are responsible for supplying plasters or tape for this purpose. Earrings must be removed for swimming lessons.

If children wear watches, these should not be excessively large. Smart watches are not acceptable. Fitness trackers are permitted, but again, must not become a distraction from learning and good conduct. These may be worn in PE lessons to support pupils in developing a healthy lifestyle.

## Hair

Children's hair should be worn in a style that will be practical to allow them to work safely. Therefore, long hair, particularly beyond shoulder length, must be fully tied back practical lessons so as not to cause an obstruction to vision or pose a risk of being pulled or trapped. Hair accessories should be limited to simple headbands and bobbles, not tiaras, 'ears', etc.

## Make-Up

The staff and governors do not believe that it is appropriate for children to wear make-up in school. Artificial nails are not acceptable for health and safety reasons. Children will be asked to remove any such make-up in school or sent home with a parent to do so.

## Personal Items

Children in Y1-6 may bring a purse or wallet to school with money for snacks. We ask that these are named and that only a minimal amount of money is brought to school. Children are responsible for looking after their own money.

Pupils in Y5 and 6 who walk/cycle to school without an adult are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school. Mobile phones must be handed in to the office at the start of the school day. Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones once on school premises. Please see our Mobile Phone Policy, which is available on the school website, for more details.

## Exceptional Circumstances

We recognise that in an increasingly multi-cultural community, there may be occasions where, for reasons of religious observance, parents may wish for their children to wear specific clothing or jewellery. Should parents request exemption from aspects of this policy, this will be openly discussed by the school leadership and, where appropriate, the governing body, with decisions made on a case-by-case basis.

If a child is unable to maintain appropriate uniform for a 'one-off' reason, i.e. damage to uniform, footwear becoming too small, then this should be discussed with staff and rectified as soon as is practical.

## Pupils not wearing uniform

Should a pupil come to school in inappropriate uniform, where special circumstances have not been brought to the attention of staff, parents the child will be loaned appropriate uniform from the schools stock of spare, laundered uniform. Parents will be contacted and asked to rectify the issue moving forwards..

## Supporting Parents

In line with government guidance, we seek to ensure that school uniform requirements are reasonable and affordable. We have taken the following steps to support parents:

- Choosing a uniform that is appropriate for all activities in school;
- Selling branded items in school at reduced prices;
- Not insisting on school logos;
- Choosing items and colours that can be bought from a range of providers, including supermarkets and discount clothing shops;
- Working with our PTFA to sell pre-loved/new uniform items;
- Providing pre-loved/new uniform items to families in need one a case-by-case basis.

## Complaints and Appeals

As with all school policies, parents will be referred to the school Complaint and Appeals policies, should they

be unhappy with any decision or action made with regards to their child's uniform.

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