

The Robert Drake Primary School

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Introduction

All children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. The Robert Drake Primary School believes that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school.

The school aims to ensure that school uniform policy is fair and affordable for all parents and carers. Information about school uniform requirements is available on the school website and is included in the pack for parents and carers whose children are new to the school.

Aims and Objectives

School uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging within the school;
- is practical and smart;
- 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.

Equality

This policy has been written in conjunction with the school's Equality Policy in recognition of our obligation not to discriminate on grounds of sex, race, disability and religion. 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 consider these requests sympathetically. 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 Co-Headteachers. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

School Uniform Suppliers

Parents and carers may choose to purchase items of school uniform with or without the school logo. However, the school strongly encourages children to have at least

one jumper/cardigan or P.E t-shirt, with the school logo in order that they can be easily identified as a member of our school at external events such as educational visits or sports events.

All uniform items can be sourced from multiple best value shops and, for non-logo items, the school does not recognise or endorse a particular supplier. For parents and carers who do wish to purchase items with the school logo on them, the supplier is Penn UK (15, Kents Hill Road, Benfleet SS7 5PN. Website: www.pennuk.com).

School Uniform List

The school expects all parents and carers who send their children to The Robert Drake Primary School to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the school's uniform policy. Parents and carers are also expected to send their children to school in clothing that is clean, well-fitting and well-presented. It should be clearly labelled with their child's name.

Early Years Foundation Stage

All children in Early Years Foundation Stage must adhere to the following uniform:

Please ensure **ALL ITEMS** of clothing are clearly marked, as jumpers, cardigans and PE kits do look the same!

Winter

White/sky-blue polo shirt;
Grey skirt (**not culottes**) or pinafore dress (knee length) or grey tailored trousers;
Maroon jumper or cardigan (Robert Drake logo recommended but not essential);
Plain white, black or grey ankle or knee length socks or tights (with skirts or pinafores);
Plain white, black or grey socks (with trousers);
Flat black shoes, **no trainers or ankle/knee length boots please.**

Summer

White/sky-blue polo shirt;
Grey skirt (**not culottes**) or pinafore dress (knee length) or grey tailored trousers or tailored shorts;
Maroon jumper or cardigan (Robert Drake logo recommended but not essential);
Optional Summer uniform blue and white striped/checked dress (one piece only – not culotte/playsuit skirt);
Plain white ankle or knee length socks (with skirts, dresses or pinafores) and plain white, black or grey socks (with trousers or shorts);
Flat black shoes or sandals (not open-toed), **no trainers or ankle/knee length boots please.**

PE Uniform - Indoor Games, Dance and Gymnastics (required all year for indoor PE and sport)

Plain white/sky-blue T-shirt (or T-shirt with school logo);
Plain black shorts;
Black plimsolls (on occasions, children will work barefoot unless they have a foot infection).

Plain drawstring bag (or drawstring bag with logo).

Outdoor games and athletics

Plain black sweatshirt/top
Plain black jogging/track suit bottoms
Plain black trainers (preferable – please see PE trainers' section below)
Plain drawstring bag (or drawstring bag with logo)

Years 1 to 6

Children in Years 1 to 6 must adhere to the following uniform:

Winter

White or sky-blue shirt;
Robert Drake tie;
Grey skirt (**not culottes**), or pinafore dress (knee length), grey tailored trousers;
Maroon jumper or cardigan (Robert Drake logo recommended but not essential);
Plain white, black or grey ankle or knee length socks or tights (with skirts or pinafores);
Plain white, black or grey socks (with trousers);
Flat black shoes, **no trainers or ankle/knee length boots please**;
Boots worn in extreme weather conditions should be changed on entering school.

Summer

White or sky-blue shirt;
Robert Drake tie;
Grey skirt (**not culottes**), grey tailored trousers, grey tailored shorts or pinafore dress (knee length);

Optional summer uniform blue and white striped/checked dress (one piece only - not culotte/playsuit skirt);
Maroon jumper or cardigan (Robert Drake logo recommended but not essential);
Plain white, black or grey ankle or knee length socks (with skirts, pinafores or dresses) and plain white, black or grey socks (with trousers or shorts);
Black sandals (not open-toed) or flat black shoes– **no trainers or ankle/knee length boots please.**

PE Uniform - Indoor Games, Dance and Gymnastics (required all year for indoor PE and sport)

Plain white/sky-blue T-shirt (or T-shirt with school logo);
Plain black shorts;
Black plimsolls (on occasions, children will work barefoot unless they have a foot infection).

Outdoor Games and Athletics

Plain black sweatshirt/top;
Plain black jogging/track suit bottoms;
Plain black trainers (preferable – please see P.E. Trainers section below)

Plain drawstring bag (or drawstring bag with logo).

P.E. Trainers

To support KS2 parents and carers financially, the school recognises the benefits of children having one pair of trainers for combined use at home and for school P.E. days. However, trainers must still be suitable for physical education so must be comfortable for full day wear, protective for active feet/use in games/sports and have no parts that could harm children/distract children from learning, such as lights. Plain black trainers with no obvious logo or branding are preferable.

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will wear their PE uniform to school on PE days (no more than 2 days per week).

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will wear full school uniform to school every day.

Outdoor Clothing

The school requests that children have appropriate outdoor clothing for the season. Fleece are considered outdoor wear and children will be required to remove them when indoors. Children are not permitted to wear a fleece instead of a jumper or cardigan.

Footwear

The school wants the children's feet to be healthy, therefore, all pupils must wear well-fitting shoes with an appropriate low heel. Boots are NOT permitted. Neither does the school allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform nor are they healthy for growing feet. The school requires all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list - black, full shoes with toes, flat and held firmly onto the foot.

Muddy boots or shoes must be removed before entering the school premises.

During inclement weather, if pupils wear boots or wellington boots, they are required to change into school shoes for the duration of the day.

Brand Logos and Slogans

- Jumpers, cardigans, shirts & blouses must not have visible named branded logos;
- Logos on black shoes/black trainers/black ankle boots worn as part of the school uniform, must be in black;
- Other name branded items of clothing are acceptable as long as the logo is small and inconspicuous. However, larger prominent logos and slogans are not permitted.

Bags

All children will be required to bring a book bag to school each day (preferably plain or with the school logo). Due to limited storage space, children may not bring any other bags to school, unless they need clothing or equipment for a before or after school club. In this instance bags should be as small as possible.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons the school does not allow children to wear jewellery to school, with an exception being made for:

- Pupils in Years 3 to 6 may wear simple watches that only tell time (does not have connectivity features; such as Fitbits and Smartwatches) and do not distract the child/other children from their learning;
- small earring studs in pierced ears only;
- small objects of religious significance;
- medical items which may appear to be items of jewellery.

Children must be able to remove these items themselves for PE lessons.

Earrings **must** be removed on PE days (by the pupil themselves or alternatively they should be removed before school), to prevent any potential injuries from occurring. If parents and carers are considering having their child's ears pierced then they should arrange for this at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow time for them to heal.

Hats and Caps

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These can be worn when outdoors, but the school asks that they are suitable for the intended use and must not be of a design that could cause a safety issue or have prominent messages or slogans.

Hair

To avoid the national problem of head lice, the school has been instructed by the Local Area Public Health Authority to ensure that all long hair is tied back whilst the children are at school.

Where hair is long enough to do so, for health and safety reasons, children are required to tie hair back with a plain hair band in keeping with the school colours (maroon and blue or plain black). If wearing other required hair accessories (which should be kept to a minimum), these should also be plain and in keeping with the school colours. Hair accessories with large bows or decorations are not permitted. The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or raise health and safety concerns. Shaved heads or hairstyles that are deemed by the school to be extreme are not acceptable.

Headscarves/Hijab

These may be worn for religious reasons but must be plain and in keeping with the school colours. These must also be removed during P.E. lessons, unless the Co-Headteachers have given permission following consultation with the parent or carer.

Tattoos

Tattoos, either temporary or permanent, are not permitted.

Make-up

The school does not allow children to wear make-up (unless it is being used for curriculum purposes e.g. school productions / themed non-uniform days), nail varnish or have nail extensions/false nails. This includes coloured lip gloss/balm.

Non-Compliance

The school will work sympathetically with families to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, however in line with government guidance the school will apply sanctions if the School Uniform Policy is not adhered to. Sanctions will be in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. A parent/carer of any pupil with a genuine reason for not wearing an item of uniform must inform the school outlining the reason and agree a date when the pupil will be wearing the correct uniform.

Non-Uniform Days

The school holds regular 'Non-uniform Days'. These may be held to support charities, to raise funds for the school, as a reward or to develop curriculum days.

Children are not obliged to wear anything other than their school uniform on these days but are welcome to join in the fun. These occasions are not meant to cause any additional financial burden to parents in terms of buying specific clothes or costumes. The school still expects children to maintain standards of respectability in their dress in line with the school ethos during these days.

Lost Property

All items of clothing should be labelled with your child's name, as the school cannot accept responsibility for any articles lost or damaged on the school premises.

Pre-Loved Uniform

The school operates a Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, providing parents with a cheaper, sustainable option to purchase school uniform items. The shop stocks good-quality, second-hand uniform in various sizes.

Parents can contact the school office at if they would like to view the selection of pre-loved uniform on offer.

Donations of clean, good condition uniform items are always welcome. Please drop these off at the school office.

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Date of next review – Summer Term 2027