Temple Sowerby CE Primary School

Uniform Policy

Approved by[1]: Mrs Z Slack, Headteacher **Date:** November 2026

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Our school is committed to creating a welcoming, equitable, and accessible environment where every student feels a sense of belonging. We recognize that a uniform policy should never present a barrier to learning, participation, or personal well-being.

Core Principles

- **Equality & Respect:** All approved uniform items—trousers, skirts, shorts, polo shirts, and jumpers—are available to all students regardless of gender or identity.
- **Sensory & Physical Comfort:** We accommodate adaptations for students with medical conditions, sensory processing needs, or physical disabilities (such as tag less/soft fabrics, elasticated waistbands, seamless socks, or Velcro footwear).
- **Religious & Cultural Expression:** Headwear, symbols, and clothing items required for religious or cultural reasons are welcome within our uniform guidance.

Requesting Reasonable Adjustments

We aim to make uniform adjustments simple, confidential, and collaborative for students and families.

1. **Identify the Need:** If an aspect of the standard uniform causes distress, discomfort, or conflicts with religious practices, identify the specific adaptation required (e.g., replacing a button shirt with a plain polo, or school trousers with leggings).
2. **Contact the Inclusion Team:** Reach out directly to Mrs Winter, SENCO, or Mrs Slack, Headteacher. Formal medical letters are not strictly required to initiate a conversation about student well-being.
3. **Formalise the Adaptation:** Once agreed, the adaptation is logged in the student's one-page passport to ensure all staff are aware, avoiding any unnecessary uniform discussions or discomfort.

At Temple Sowerby Church of England Primary School, it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school.

This policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical, comfortable and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

The uniform consists of the following items:

- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece*
- Sky blue or white polo shirt*
- Dark (black or grey) trousers or skirt
- Black shoes or trainers
- Tights should be plain grey, blue or black

During warmer weather, children may also choose to wear the following:

- Blue and white checked school dresses
- Tailored black/blue/grey knee length shorts
- Sandals

We kindly ask that all uniform is clearly labelled to help us return any lost items to their owners

**Please note that there is no expectation that these items should include the school logo. A selection of uniform items which are already embroidered with our logo is available online from:* www.myclothing.com

Extreme weathers

We will take a sensible approach to allow for exceptions or adaptations to be made during extreme or adverse weather (particularly where the UK Health Security Agency has issued weather-health alerts) – for instance by allowing pupils to wear shorts or PE kits during the school day.

Make up and Jewellery

Make up, nail varnish or jewellery must not be worn, other than a simple analogue watch and, if a child has pierced ears, small stud earrings. For safety reasons, these should be removed or covered during PE lessons.

Additional notes:

- If children want to play on the school field at playtimes, please provide outside shoes/trainers to change into at playtimes.
- Children may wear slippers in classrooms.
- The uniform policy is optional for pre-school children.

Sports kit

Our school PE kit comprises of:

- White or light blue T shirt or polo shirt
- Dark shorts
- Dark jogging bottoms/sweatshirt (optional for colder weather)

- Trainers or plimsolls

Please can children keep their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday.

Support

We understand and appreciate that some families may require support to gain access to the correct uniform. In school, we can provide a range of pre-loved uniforms to support families who may need this. Parents are to contact Louise Thompson, the Schools Business Manager, to access this support.