



Uniform Policy

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			CHANGES
V1	Sept 22	SH	Policy is published on the website & shared with parents. No changes to policy proposed. Submitted to AGB for endorsement.
V1a	Autumn 2025	SH	Changes to accessories -tattoos and nail polish. Change of black to black and grey.

We pride ourselves on the high standard of dress at Dovedale. When children come to school, they know they are part of our school and feel ready to learn. We also recognise the financial restraints on parents and therefore do not require items to carry the school logo, provided the children adhere to all other dress code requirements.

We regularly put out unnamed lost property for parents to reuse.

In order to maintain our high standards, we consider Bermuda shorts, jeans, denim jackets, highly coloured track, jogging or shell suits unsuitable for school.

We believe that high standards of dress make a positive contribution to overall behaviour in the school.

Dress Code

Children are required to come to school dressed and ready to be part of the Dovedale Team.

Our dress code, endorsed by the Academy Governing Body, is:

All Year

- Plain trousers and skirts in black or grey – skirt length should be knee length.
- • White shirts, blouses or polo shirts in white or red.
- Sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans in red.
- Plain black, sensible shoes with little or no heel.

Summer Adjustments

- Plain shorts, trousers, polo shirts, dress and skirts (as above) based on school colours (red).
- Shoes as above.
- Shorts should be at least mid-thigh length.

PE

- Plain black or grey shorts or leggings/ joggers, plain red round neck t-shirt.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms and a plain black sweatshirt.

Accessories

Children should not wear accessories. Hair bobbles/bands can be worn, but they should be in school colours, of an appropriate size, and of an appropriate design.

Oversized bows or headbands are not considered appropriate.

Watches are allowed but should be practical and not gadget-loaded.

Children should not have visible temporary tattoos.

Children should not wear nail polish or false nails, including gel or acrylic-type nails.

Hair

Children's hair should be of a natural hair colour and cut in an appropriate style. Styles should not include designs, wording or logos cut into the hair.

Jewellery

The school has a strict policy on jewellery. No jewellery should be worn, with the exception of one pair of gold or silver small studs. These will need to be removed by the child during PE/swimming.

The stipulations in this policy set out the expectations we have as a school for our children's uniforms. The school reserves the right to discuss with parents any other items worn that may seem unsuitable, inappropriate or offensive.

Important Reminder

As you are well aware, children are very good at losing their clothes, and red shirts all look the same. With this in mind, we would ask that all items of clothing be clearly marked with your child's name. This applies particularly to items such as anoraks, pullovers, cardigans, wellingtons, plimsolls, PE vests, and sweatshirts.