



CASTLEFIELD SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

Signed (HT):

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Signed (Chair of GB):

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Castlefield School is very proud of its uniform. We believe that wearing the school uniforms and PE kits give the children a sense of pride in themselves and their achievements at Castlefield School and reminds our pupils that they belong to a wider common group.

This policy aims to:

- Set out Castlefield School's approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers (in line with DfE guidance)
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

Prescribed School Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo
- Plain white shirt or polo shirt
- Trousers, knee length skirt (grey or black)
- In warmer weather, grey or black shorts or blue gingham dress
- Leggings/tights can be worn under skirts or dresses (plain black, white or grey)
- Socks (plain black, white or grey)
- Plain black shoes – these should be appropriate, practical and suitable for school use, including playtimes. Trainers, boots, high heels and platform shoes are not acceptable as general school shoes.
- Hair of shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times using simple hair accessories.
- Children are not permitted to have fashion hair styles. This includes having lines, patterns or logos cut into the hair nor using hair dyes.
- Any hair accessories must be plain and in the following colours: blue, black, grey, white or brown (no oversized bows)
- Hair styles should be appropriate for primary school and must not obscure a child's vision.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up (including nail varnish) for cosmetic reasons.

PE uniform

- Royal blue shadow stripe shorts
- Plain black/blue/grey tracksuit (top and bottoms)
- Plain blue t-shirt with or without school logo
- KS2 trainers (laces only if the pupils are able to tie them themselves)
- FS/KS1- plain black plimsolls or trainers (no laces).

Swimming- KS2

- Trunks (not loose swimming shorts) or one-piece swimming costume
- Swimming hat
- Towel

Jewellery and watches

- Children may wear simple, plain round studs if they have pierced ears, but they must be able to remove the studs themselves for PE lessons. Tape over earrings is not permitted
- If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, the most appropriate time is the beginning of the summer holidays. Tape over earrings is not permitted
- Simple, named watches/fitness trackers may be worn from Year 2 upwards (no novelty/watches with detachable parts or loud sounds and no messaging/ telephone call or internet browsing facilities)
- Religious jewellery that is integral to religious beliefs are permitted but must be removed or covered for PE and the school is unable to accept any responsibility if damaged or lost
- All other jewellery is considered a safety hazard.

Headwear

We recognise and respect that some children may wish to wear head coverings for religious or cultural reasons, however this is not part of Castlefield School's prescribed uniform.

If your child chooses to wear a headscarf, it should be of the short fitted, children's style and should be plain black, grey or navy blue, no pins and not wrapped around the neck.

Other religious or cultural headwear should be of a children's style and should be plain black, grey or navy blue, no pins.

Buying Uniform

Branded school uniform is only available for purchase directly from Castlefield School (via the office). Items can be purchased on an ad hoc basis when required throughout the year or by appointment at the start of the academic year.

The office is happy to assist you and is contactable on: 01494 436018 or via email: office@castlefield.bucks.sch.uk

All other items of uniform are available from most local supermarkets.

Second hand uniform is available and interested parents/carers should contact the school office. We also run second hand uniform sales throughout the academic year and parents/carers will be informed when these are taking place. Parents are asked for a nominal donation when purchasing second hand uniform, however there are no set prices.

Our stock of second-hand uniform is constantly changing and we cannot guarantee that we have all items in all sizes.

Expectations for our school community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are expected to contact the school (office@castlefield.bucks.sch.uk) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.