



Clapham Primary School

Uniform Policy

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1.0 Uniform Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the Clapham Primary Uniform Policy (Uniform Policy) is to establish clear expectations for student dress at Clapham Primary School. The wearing of a school uniform supports a positive school culture, promotes a sense of belonging and identity, and contributes to student safety and wellbeing.

Policy Statement

Clapham Primary School requires students to wear the approved school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when participating in school activities, including excursions, unless otherwise approved.

The Uniform Policy reflects the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Co-operation and supports the provision of a safe, inclusive, equitable and non-discriminatory learning environment.

The school recognises the importance of student comfort, dignity and self-expression within the framework of a uniform, and seeks to ensure that uniform requirements are reasonable, inclusive and affordable for all families.

Scope

This Uniform Policy applies to all students enrolled at Clapham Primary School.

2.0 Uniform Requirements

1. Students must wear the approved school uniform in accordance with the Dress Code (Table 1), except on designated Casual Days or Days of Significance.
2. On Casual Days or Days of Significance:
 - a. The SunSmart Policy must be complied with; and
 - b. Items identified as “Not Allowed” in the Dress Code remain prohibited.
3. On School Sports Day:
 - a. The SunSmart Policy must be complied with; and
 - b. Items identified as “Not Allowed” in the Dress Code remain prohibited, other than coloured hair, temporary tattoos or face paint which are allowed and encouraged on that day only.
4. The Principal may determine that any item of clothing or aspect of personal presentation is not permitted where it is considered inconsistent with the values and intent of this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, items that are excessively revealing, unduly bright or distracting, or otherwise not in the best interests of maintaining a safe, respectful and inclusive school environment.
5. The Principal may approve exemptions from the Dress Code upon written request from a parent or carer. Exemptions may be granted on the following grounds:
 - a. Religious, cultural or ethnic considerations
 - b. New enrolments requiring reasonable time to obtain the uniform
 - c. Itinerant or transient student circumstances
 - d. Financial hardship
 - e. Any other exceptional circumstances as determined by the Principal.
6. School leadership and staff will monitor and enforce compliance with this policy. Where a student is not in uniform, the school will respond in a supportive and proportionate manner. In cases of ongoing or deliberate non-compliance, the school may contact parents or carers to seek resolution.

3.0 Equity and Inclusion

The school is committed to ensuring that the Uniform Policy is implemented in a manner that is inclusive and respectful of all students. This includes consideration of:

- gender identity and expression
- disability and additional needs
- neurodiversity
- religious and cultural practices

Students are entitled to wear uniform items that provide appropriate comfort, fit and freedom of movement.

The school will take reasonable steps to minimise financial barriers to compliance, including offering affordable uniform options and considering individual circumstances where required.

4.0 SunSmart Requirements

Clapham Primary School implements SunSmart practices in accordance with its Adverse Weather & Sun Smart Policy.

1. Students must wear a school branded short or long sleeved, collared polo t-shirts at all times (no tank tops, singlets or shoestring straps).
2. Students are encouraged to wear a broad-brimmed hat when outside regardless of the UV level.
3. Students must wear a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors:
 - a. during Terms 1, 3 and 4
 - b. during Term 2, when UV levels are 3 or above.
4. During Term 2, staff will clearly display the forecasted UV level for that day each morning.
5. Students who do not have a hat, or do not wish to wear a hat, must remain in shaded areas during outdoor activities.

5.0 Responsibilities

Principal: Responsible for implementation, interpretation, and exemption decisions under this policy.

Staff: Responsible for promoting and monitoring compliance in a fair, consistent and supportive manner.

Parents and Carers: Responsible for supporting students to comply with the Uniform Policy and communicating with the school where issues arise.

Students: Responsible for wearing the school uniform in accordance with this policy and representing the school positively.

6.0 Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with Department for Education requirements and school community expectations.

Table 1 Clapham Primary Dress Code

Category	Permitted	Not Permitted
	School-branded ¹	Approved Alternatives
T-shirts	Short-sleeve polo t-shirt Long-sleeve polo t-shirt Year 6 polo (optional)	Unbranded or plain navy t-shirt Tank tops, singlets or shoe-string straps
Outerwear	¾ zip jumper Polar fleece jacket Soft shell jacket Year 6 jumper (optional)	Plain, unbranded navy: • Jumper • Jacket • Vest • Cardigan
Bottoms	Sports shorts Tapered trackpants Tartan dress Tartan culotte	Plain, unbranded navy: • Shorts • Skort or skirt • Leggings • Trackpants • Bike shorts, mid-thigh length or longer
Footwear		Sneakers Enclosed leather shoes (e.g lace-up, Mary Jane) Enclosed-toe sandals With: • Plain socks • Navy blue tights (under a dress or skirt)
Headwear	Wide-brim hat Beanie	Navy blue or neutral coloured headscarf/ hijab
Bags	Backpack Communication bag ²	Any backpack (style or colour)
Jewellery & Personal Items		Medic Alert bracelet Wrist watches Ear-lobe piercings (stud or sleepers)
Other		Chewing gum

¹ Either from Noone Uniforms as the current provider, or Devon Clothing as the former provider.

² Junior Primary Only