



Uniform Policy

At Thames Ditton Infant School we expect all children to wear uniform. We believe this shared identity gives children a sense of belonging and helps them to take pride in the school and in their appearance.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that our children are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies pupils to our school
- supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- is considered to be good value for money
- is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind

Equality

The uniform options set out in our policy are gender neutral and it is not specified what items boys or girls should or should not wear within the permitted list.

We recognise that for some of our families' religions or beliefs may require conformity to a particular dress code and we are sensitive to this. We believe that most requirements can be well met within our policy and we always aim to accommodate these, showing flexibility where there is a genuine reason to do so. However, it is important that any adaptations agreed do not compromise genuine health and safety concerns, and therefore we welcome any conversations with parents to discuss and agree adaptations.

We also recognise that reasonable adjustments might need to be made for a pupil with a disability or special educational need and there is flexibility within our policy for this. Parents are invited to discuss any adaptations that may be required with the school.

Partnership with Parents

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items.

If for any reason a parent has difficulties with the purchase of their child's uniform, they are asked to speak confidentially to the school office team who would be pleased to assist in any way they can.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. They liaise with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work to ensure that the policy aims are being met and that good procurement practices are followed for badged school items.

Requirements & Suppliers

Our school uniform policy has been reviewed to take into consideration the DfE's guidance on the cost of school uniforms. We have ensured that our uniform requirements are in-line with recent government guidance on the affordability of school uniforms and have minimised the requirement for badged items (items with logo).

Careful consideration has been taken regarding the cost and availability of our uniform for parents. Our badged uniform items can be purchased from PMG Schoolwear and Network UK Uniforms. These suppliers have been specifically chosen as they represent good value for money and convenience of location and cost of delivery for online shopping.

On our uniform list we have clearly indicated where items can be bought from most retailers.

We encourage the selling and buying of pre-loved items through the Friends of TDIS, uniform enquiries can be made via pam.vennings@yahoo.com. Clean donations can be deposited in the small blue wheelie bin just inside the school gate or brought to the school office.

Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery in school, but pupils with pierced ears may wear studs. However, these must be removed for PE/swimming (Yr2) and other sporting activities by the child independently or not worn on PE days/swimming days. Staff are unable to assist pupils in removal of these. If these are not removed then the pupil will not be able to participate in the discipline.

- Earrings (plain studs only & to be removed for PE by the child independently or not worn on PE days)
- Watches (small & plain)
- No necklaces or bracelets

Hair Styles

- Long hair should always be worn tied back, with plain bands, ribbons or scrunches. Alice hair bands are to be plain and dark in colour. No, large hair ties or bows are allowed.
- Children should have sensible hairstyles.
- There should be no extreme hair styles i.e. patterns shaved into hair, dying of hair, Mohicans etc.

Label everything

Please ensure that all items of clothing and any other property brought into school is clearly marked with your child's name. The school recommends that clear woven labels or adhesive name stickers should be used where possible.

Children attend school wearing their PE kit on their timetabled PE or swimming day

Trousers need to be plain – no jeans, cord or combat style.

Shoes need to be sturdy and strong, plain, no branding.

No nail varnish or tattoos are allowed.