Uniform Procedures 2026 - 2029

This document was approved by the Local Governing Committee in June 2026 and will be reviewed in three years.

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Please read in conjunction with our 318 Education Trust Uniform Policy, which outlines the practise within our Trust. This document is specifically for Hodnet pupils.

At Hodnet school we aim to:

- Ensure that clothing is appropriate for all activities in school.
- Avoid unpleasant comparisons or competition over clothes.
- Ensure that clothing is not a distraction from learning.

We ask that all pupils wear school uniform in our school colour of royal blue. Wearing uniform is important as it fosters a feeling of pride in belonging to our school family. Our school standard dress is simple, cheerful, it looks smart and it wears well. It is also good value for money, in line with current government requirements.

Purchasing uniform

All our products with the school logo on are available for families to purchase via MAPAC on their website www.mapac.com. Purchases can be delivered direct to home addresses. Other non-logo items can be purchased at most supermarkets or high street stores. Royal blue cardigans and/or jumpers without a school logo are acceptable uniform items.

Uniform

Pupils in **Nursery** are asked to wear the following items:

- ✓ Royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo *(available from MAPAC)*
- ✓ Navy leggings, joggers or shorts
- ✓ Pale blue polo T-shirt
- ✓ Sensible, comfortable shoes

Uniform

Pupils in **YR-Y6** are asked to wear the following items:

- ✓ Royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo *(available from MAPAC)*
- ✓ Grey skirt or pinafore dress or trousers or shorts
- ✓ White or pale blue polo T-shirt or shirt or blouse
- ✓ Pale blue summer dress (blue checked material)
- ✓ Black flat school shoes (not trainers, boots or shoes with heels).

Children MUST NOT wear varied sportswear, including football shirts and socks, jeans, tracksuit bottoms, beachwear, cropped or sleeveless T-shirts, leggings, trainers, shoes with heels or tall boots.

PE kit

For health and safety reasons it is important that all pupils are dressed appropriately for any physical activity.

- **All children need to wear a plain white T shirt and navy or black shorts**. No leotards or sports kits including no football shirts or socks. Jogging bottoms and a jumper or zip up may be worn in the winter months.
- Indoor PE sessions - Pupils take part in bare feet. This is important when using the apparatus or during dance sessions as it ensures a firm, controlled grip.
- Outdoor PE sessions - Pupils need a pair of trainers, not pumps as these are not supportive enough for children's ankles.
- PE kit should be kept in a named drawstring bag *(can be available from MAPAC).* Parents are asked not to buy their child any other type of large bag as we have limited space in our cloakrooms.
- PE kit is best kept at school and returned home for washing at weekends or holidays. Parents are asked to regularly check that their child's kit still fits, especially their trainers.
- Swimming kits are required in KS2 at specific times of the year when the children attend swimming lessons. They need a swimming costume or swimming shorts, no bikini's or tankini's. All children require a towel. Goggles and swimming caps are optional. Verruca socks must be worn when needed if a child has a verruca. Earrings must be removed.

Forest Schools sessions

Pupils in Nursery, Reception and KS1 have regular Forest Schools session in the dedicated area in our grounds. To ensure safety during these sessions the following are required:

- ✓ Welly boots
- ✓ Waterproofs – either an all in one or trousers with a jacket
- ✓ Warm clothing – layers
- ✓ Hats and gloves.

Jewellery, hair and make-up

It is the children's responsibility to look after any items worn in school. For health and safety reasons, if pupils wish to wear earrings, these MUST be the stud design only, no loops or dangling earrings or large gemstones. Pupils must remove their own earrings for PE sessions, these cannot be taped over or removed by staff. Pupils may wear a simple watch, but rings, necklaces and bracelets must be left at home and are not permitted in school. Watches must not be able to connect to a phone, be internet enabled or have the capacity to take photographs or videos. Hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc should be simple and preferably in the school colour of royal blue. Large bows or large raised headbands are not permitted. Long hair (girls and boys) must be tied back, preferably for the whole day, definitely during PE sessions. Make up is not permitted in school.

Sun protection

Children are encouraged to bring a sun hat to wear for protection whilst out in the playground during the summer and early autumn. They can also bring sunglasses if they wish, but these are the children's responsibility to keep safe. Parents are encouraged to apply sun cream on

their child before they arrive at school. Staff are not able to re-apply this during the school day. Nursery staff may apply sun cream as required and following consultation with parents.

Cold weather
Our playground is quite an exposed area and can be particularly cold during the winter months. We often reduce the length of the playtime if the weather is particularly cold or foggy. Children are encouraged to have a warm coat, hat, scarf, and gloves to wear.

Named items
The only disadvantage to wearing school uniform is the obvious one… everyone's jumper looks the same! Our lost property box is located in the main school office and by the end of each term it is usually over flowing with odd gloves, socks, hats and of course jumpers!
To save time, trouble, upset and money, parents are asked to clearly name all school uniform items and check regularly that their child's name is still clearly visible.

Additional items
We also sell the following items, all available from MAPAC ~

- ✓ School waterproof fleece coats with our school logo
- ✓ Reading book bags with logo, recommended for all Reception and KS1 pupils. Our PTA kindly purchase these for our Reception new starters every year. Large bags are not necessary for any pupils. If children prefer a rucksack rather than a book bag as they get older, then these must be kept to a minimum size, as we do not have space to accommodate large bags in our cloakroom areas.

Inclusion
The procedure document will be applied to all pupils. We welcome our general responsibilities under the Disability Equality Duty by promoting equal opportunities, eliminating discrimination and improving access to learning for disabled people. In order to comply with the requirements of the DDA we will make reasonable adjustments to ensure all stakeholders understand and can follow this policy. We will actively seek to remove any barriers to learning and participation that may hinder or exclude individuals or groups of pupils.

Monitoring and review
This procedure document is monitored by the Headteacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of the policy on request. It will be reviewed appropriate to new legislation or to the needs of the school.