

# Cavendish Church of England Primary School Affordable Uniform Policy



Signed: On behalf of Governing Body	
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## Our Vision

In our school our Christian vision shapes all we do.

*Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10*

Our School Vision Statement reflects this commitment as children and staff are taught to challenge inequality, prejudice, bullying and harm; to respond with compassion and sensitivity to individual need and to respect the rights of all individuals to be safe and nurtured within God's world.

We encourage children to respond creatively to internal and external challenges in life, with compassion for others, including consideration for creation and the planet itself. Thus we show how to live justly and with a pure heart, reflecting the teachings of Jesus and God's love within our school environment.

### 1 Introduction

Access to education at Cavendish C of E Primary School is inclusive. School uniform fosters a sense of belonging to an identifiable community. This in turn encourages pride in the achievements of individuals and groups as part of our school. School uniform helps to present a sense of identity as part of sporting events and external visits. Children are encouraged to wear our uniform, and to see themselves as representatives of school, its ethos and an embodiment of our vision statement.

Uniform is more inclusive than wearing fashion clothing which may be subject to peer pressure and can be more expensive to source. The quality of a person's character and how they behave is more important within the values of our school than appearance alone. However, we do expect children to show respect by having shirts tucked in and long hair tied back.

### 2 Uniform Requirements

The main colours of Cavendish C of E School uniform are red jumpers or cardigans, white shirts or polo shirts and black trousers, skirts, shorts, pinafores. Red gingham dresses are a warm weather option. School shoes should be black. Open toe sandals are not permitted as we encourage active play throughout the day

For PE red t-shirts are worn along with black PE shorts and plain black navy or grey PE tracksuits / joggers. Children in Key Stage 1 will need plimsolls as well as trainers. PE clothes for children in years 1-6 are worn all day on PE days. This saves time in the curriculum day and ensures good value for money by full use of PE kit which in turn reduces the items required of other school uniform. Children in EYFS keep their PE kit in school as independent changing and self care form part of the Early Learning Outcomes.

Children will require wellington boots for Fresh Air Friday, Forest School and to access the field in poor weather.

Stud earrings only which preferably must be removed for PE or at least taped.

We do not classify uniform by gender. Any uniform item may be worn by any child in our school.

### 3 Labelling

It is essential to name each item of clothing either by permanent pen or name label. Each year a significant number of items in lost property cannot be returned as they have not been named. This is a waste of money for the original purchaser. Educational time can be lost searching for missing items.

Lost property which remains unclaimed at the end of the school year is given to the PTFA for their second hand sales of uniform.

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#### **4 Forest School & Sporting Events**

To minimise additional costs to families Cavendish C of E School will provide waterproof trousers and overcoats for Forest School sessions. For sporting competitions, the school will provide full kit.

#### **5 Dance, Drama & Enrichment**

As an Artsmark and RSC Associate school we value expressive arts as a means of creativity and self expression. Children have the opportunity to perform throughout the school year. Costumes and props can help the development of characterisation and increase confidence in performance. The school does not expect costume items to be purchased specifically. If a family is having difficulty in sourcing items, please contact the school and class teacher who will be happy to assist. Many costume items for plays are held in school and will be sourced in the first instance.

Some educational events are enriched by children attending in costumes such as going to Duxford War Museum dressed as a WW2 evacuee. Again, most items can be easily sourced and the school will always give guidance.

World Book Day is a key event in our school calendar. Themes for the year are advised well in advance and we encourage creativity in making costumes which reflect key characteristics. There is no expectation to purchase outfits and no fully purchased commercial outfit has ever won the competition as it is the child's understanding of how and why they have made their clothing which shows the best understanding of their text.

#### **5 Affordability**

Cavendish C of E Primary School is committed to ensuring uniform is affordable. Uniform can be purchased from school and increased costs are only passed on when we receive these from the manufacturers. Please see the website for current pricing. Every child joining our school in reception is given a monogrammed item as a welcome present.

Uniform in school colours can also be purchased from any other source convenient to families. School uniform items do not need to include the school logo, ensuring coordination of colours is sufficient.

We encourage the use of second hand uniform. See paragraph 6.

#### **6 Ecological and Environmental considerations**

As an Eco School we take sustainability and environmental considerations seriously. We encourage the wearing of second hand uniform as a way of saving on costs and materials. We receive excellent support from the PTFA through their second hand uniform service. A full database is kept of all donations to the second hand uniform store, and any family may email the PTFA

[cavendishceprimaryptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cavendishceprimaryptfa@gmail.com)

to request availability of garments in a specific size. These are then brought up to school for collection. All items retail at 50p and are laundered and stored safely off site. Please do consider using this service to help avoid unnecessary landfill. Once your own children have outgrown their uniform, the PTFA would be happy to receive this.

If you would prefer to contact the school in the first instance, please contact

[admin@cavendish.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cavendish.suffolk.sch.uk)

#### **7 Non uniform Days**

Non uniform days are used as part of charity fundraising. Children's free choice clothing should still be suitable for the age of the child and should not include logos or merchandise branding which reflects gaming or films above primary age level.

## **Covid-19 Addendum**

The school is subject to National guidelines regarding education. Adjustments may be required, and some activities may not be able to take place in line with our “scale up, scale down” model  
Children should wear PE kit and Forest School clothes to school on days which these are timetabled.