

North Baddesley Infant School, Nursery and Pre-School

Policy for Uniform

This policy was agreed and formally adopted in September 2026.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Last review: September 2026.



Our Policy for Uniform relates to other school policies and should be read in conjunction with these. Any reference to 'parent(s)' throughout the policy refers to parents, carers or anyone else with primary care responsibility for a child. Any reference to school throughout the policy also refers to nursery and pre-school, as applicable.

General Principles

At North Baddesley Infant School, Nursery and Pre-School, we believe that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school community.
- Supports equality and inclusion by reducing visible differences between pupils.
- Encourages high standards and positive attitudes to learning.
- Helps children feel part of a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.
- Supports safeguarding by enabling children to be easily identified as members of our school community.

We are committed to ensuring that our uniform requirements are affordable, inclusive and represent good value for money. In developing and reviewing this policy, the school has regard to Department for Education guidance on school uniforms and the statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms.

Equality and Inclusion

North Baddesley Infant School, Nursery and Pre-School is committed to meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

The school will ensure that:

- Uniform requirements do not unlawfully discriminate against any pupil.
- Reasonable adjustments are considered for pupils with disabilities, medical needs, sensory needs or special educational needs.
- Religious and cultural dress requirements are respected where these are compatible with health, safety and safeguarding requirements.
- No child is disadvantaged through financial hardship.

Requests for adaptations to the uniform should be discussed with the Headteacher.

School Uniform Requirements

Infant School Uniform

Children should wear:

- Jade green sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Green checked summer dress (optional during warmer weather)
- Black, grey or white socks or tights
- Plain black school shoes

Nursery and Pre-School

School uniform is encouraged but remains optional. Children attending Nursery or Pre-School should wear practical clothing suitable for active play, indoor and outdoor learning, and weather conditions.

Footwear

Children should wear sensible, plain black school shoes.

The following are not suitable for school:

- Fashion shoes
- Boots (except in severe weather conditions)
- Trainers (unless required for PE)
- Canvas pumps worn as everyday footwear
- Shoes with high heels, platforms or flashing lights

Footwear should support safe movement throughout the school day.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

For PE and sports events, infant school children are allocated one of five team colours during induction.

Team colours are:

- Red
- Blue
- Green
- Yellow
- Purple

Children should have a named PE bag containing:

- Suitable plimsolls or trainers
- Black PE shorts
- Team-coloured PE t-shirt
- Tracksuit trousers
- Warm sweatshirt or fleece for outdoor activities in colder weather

PE bags should remain in school as directed by staff.

Branded and Non-Branded Items

The school seeks to keep uniform costs to a minimum in line with statutory guidance.

Only a limited number of items carry the school logo. Parents may purchase logo items from the school's chosen supplier, but wherever possible non-branded alternatives of the correct colour are acceptable.

Logo items currently available include:

- Sweatshirts
- Cardigans
- Polo shirts
- Waterproof jackets

Items may be purchased from:

Skoolkit, Eastleigh

Website: [Skoolkit](https://www.skoolkit.co.uk)

The school will regularly review its uniform requirements to ensure they remain affordable and compliant with DfE expectations.

Pre-Loved Uniform

To support families and promote sustainability, the school maintains a stock of quality pre-loved uniform. Pre-loved items are available free of charge upon request from the School Office.

The school encourages families to donate good-quality uniform that is no longer required.

Labelling of Clothing and Equipment

All clothing and personal equipment must be clearly named.

Parents and carers should ensure that:

- Every item of uniform is labelled.
- PE bags are clearly named.
- Book bags are clearly named.
- Water bottles and lunch containers are named where appropriate.

The school cannot accept responsibility for items that are lost or misplaced.

Jewellery, Hair and Personal Appearance

For health and safety reasons:

Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery to school except:

- A wristwatch
- One small pair of plain stud earrings in pierced ears

For PE:

- Watches must be removed.
- Earrings must be removed by the child or parent before school or covered where appropriate and safe to do so.

Hair

- Long hair must be tied back for PE and whenever necessary for health and safety.
- Hair accessories should be plain and appropriate for school.
- Extreme hairstyles, patterns shaved into hair or brightly coloured hair are not permitted.

Cosmetics

Children must not wear:

- Make-up
- Nail varnish
- Temporary tattoos
- Wristbands intended as fashion accessories

Personal Items and Mobile Technology

Children should not bring personal items into school unless specifically requested by staff.

To protect safeguarding, wellbeing and learning:

- Mobile phones are not permitted on school premises.
- Smartwatches with communication, recording or internet functionality are not permitted.
- The school accepts no responsibility for personal belongings brought into school without permission.

Health, Safety and Safeguarding

Uniform expectations are designed to support:

- Safe participation in learning and play.
- Physical education and outdoor activities.
- Effective supervision of children.
- The identification of pupils within the school community.
- Compliance with safeguarding procedures.

The school reserves the right to make temporary adjustments in response to extreme weather conditions, educational visits, health and safety requirements, or other operational circumstances.

Support for Families

The school recognises that families may experience financial challenges.

Parents who require assistance with uniform should contact the Headteacher or School Office in confidence.

Support may include:

- Access to pre-loved uniform.
- Advice regarding suitable low-cost alternatives.
- Consideration of individual circumstances.

No child will be treated differently or prevented from attending school due to uniform-related financial hardship.

Associated Policies

- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Information and Objectives
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- SEND Policy
- Early Years Policy

This policy supports North Baddesley Infant School, Nursery and Pre-School's commitment to creating a safe, inclusive and welcoming learning environment for all children.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Governing Board will review this policy annually and assess its effectiveness regularly to ensure that it:

- Remains affordable and accessible.
- Meets statutory requirements.
- Reflects current DfE guidance.
- Supports equality, inclusion and safeguarding.
- Continues to meet the needs of pupils and families.

The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school, nursery and pre-school.