

Claregate Primary School – Uniform Policy

The following is an extract from our current Prospectus.

The Purpose of School Uniform

The purpose of uniform is to create a sense of equality and belonging, thus reducing conflict and unnecessary competition.

Attempts to make pupils look different or stand out, to start trends, or to compete against other children, are against the principles of our uniform policy. Dress codes are part of secondary schools, business and the world of work and we want to prepare pupils for their future as high aspiring young adults. This is in line with our school motto “Inspire tomorrow today ...”.

Hair, Jewellery and Accessories

In the interest of Health & Safety, children are not allowed to wear earrings with a loop or which dangle - these are considered dangerous (due to the potential for torn ear lobes). We allow simple ear studs to stop the piercing healing up, but not fashion earrings like a diamond effect.

Pupils wearing jewellery that is not permitted, will be asked to remove it, or to cover it and parents / carers will be contacted to collect it from school.

Extreme hair styling e.g., dyeing or bleaching; haircuts with dramatically different grades or shaved patterns, is trying to make a pupil stand out and look different. These are not allowed. If a pupil comes to school with an extreme haircut, we will ask for it to be remedied, however this may not be possible, and it may have to grow out. The parent will be asked not to repeat the practice in the future. We recognise that some hairstyles are of deep cultural or religious significance, and we will respect these traditions. It is impossible to always pre-define what we would classify as extreme. **If you are thinking of having a particular style, please check with the school first to see if it will be permitted.** It is important that other family members (who are distant from the school and its practices), taking pupils for haircuts or styling, know these rules.

Long hair should be tied back by a simple scrunchie or bobble in our school colour, blue. We allow blue hair bands, if they are of simple design and not a fashion statement e.g., large flowers. We may ask pupils to tie back long, loose hair during the school day, particularly if doing PE, science, or technology.

Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish, including clear nail gloss in school. We do allow hand decoration of cultural significance. We do not allow any tattoos, sticky transfers, or piercings that are visible (apart from in the ears). We will ask for any deviation to this rule to be remedied.

Equipment

We do allow sunglasses if they have a CE mark of British standards or European Standard mark. Cheap glasses can have inferior glass that shatters.

We encourage sun hats and ask parents/carers to apply long-lasting sun block on children before school on sunny summer days. We cannot apply sun cream to children during the school day, unless there is a specific medical need e.g., a skin pigment condition. We then encourage the child to do this with supervision.

All pupils should bring the following items to school or keep in school, daily: -

- Their book bag with homework/reading books and learning materials in it.
- A lunchbox, if having a packed lunch.
- If required: outdoor footwear (wellington boots or football boots) in a simple plastic bag or drawstring bag that hangs easily on a peg.
- Sun caps or hats.

Children will occasionally need other equipment which has to be brought on a specific day e.g., for swimming in Year 4.

Equipment or material that children should not bring to school without permission.

- Anything that will distract from learning.
- Rucksacks or large bags – we simply do not have the room for them.
- Any device that can record voice, take pictures, video, or make contact outside the school such as mobile phones, iPads, smart watches, et al. Permission needs to be given for any of these.
- Sharp cutlery for lunches.
- Toys, games, or cards, unless specifically asked to e.g., Show and Tell or permission has been given (some pupils benefit from fiddle toys).
- Anything that is of value. We are not insured for personal belongings and will not reimburse if items are brought in and lost, damaged or stolen.
- Published materials that are unsuitable for the age of our pupils.
- Medication that is not approved in advance on our Medical Permission form (on the website).
- Nuts or nut-based / protein products which may cause allergic reactions.
- Anything that is illegal or immoral for pupils of primary school or nursery age.
- Anything that could cause cultural or religious offence.

If banned equipment is brought to school, we will follow the law to legally confiscate it and ask parents/carers to collect this from school.

Clothing

Compulsory Uniform – Nursery

Royal blue round-neck or V-neck jumper, or cardigan; preferably with the Claregate logo. Plain white polo shirt, preferably with the Claregate logo. Dark jogging bottoms and dark footwear – open toe sandals are **not allowed** for safety reasons. A spare pair of wellington boots to keep at school.

Compulsory Uniform – Reception

Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan, preferably with the Claregate logo. White polo shirt, preferably with the Claregate logo. Grey pinafore dress, grey skirt or trousers. Black, low-heeled shoes. Blue and white print dress or grey shorts in the summer. A spare pair of wellington boots to keep at school.

Compulsory Uniform – Year 1 and Year 2

Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan in the summer, preferably with the Claregate logo. White shirt. School tie (elasticated, if required). Grey pinafore dress, grey skirt, or trousers. Black, low-heeled shoes. Blue and white print dress or grey shorts in the summer.

Compulsory Uniform Years 3 – 6

Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan, preferably with the Claregate logo. White shirt. School Tie. Grey pinafore dress, grey skirt, or trousers. Black, low-heeled shoes. Blue and white print dress or grey shorts in the summer.

PE/Games Kit

Reception will require a plain white t-shirt, blue shorts, and black pumps for indoor PE.

Years 1 to 6 will require a plain t-shirt in their house team colours - **Diamond** (yellow), **Emerald** (green), **Ruby** (red) and **Sapphire** (blue), blue shorts and black pumps for indoor PE.

Years 1 to 6 will also require navy blue or black jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt, with trainers, for outdoor games. These items do not need to have the school logo.

Ordering Uniform

We do not specify a particular supplier, but for your convenience you can order your child's uniform online through My Clothing, by logging onto www.myclothing.com. Contact email for queries: support@myclothing.com.

Our local stockist if you want to try uniform on is "*Lads and Lasses*", which is located at 4 Bilbrook Road, Codsall. You can contact them on 01902 846262 to order and collect from the shop.

<https://www.ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/claregate-primary-school/>

Ties are available to purchase from school.

If you want lost property returned, all items of uniform must have a label with your child's name and class on it.

Second-Hand Uniform Donations

We request donations of clean, washed second-hand uniform or PE kit.

Please ask if you wish to receive free uniform from this source. We strongly encourage school uniform to be recycled for environmental and economic reasons.