



## **Uniform Policy**

**Agreed by the Governing Board on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Policy will be reviewed September 2026**

At Nateby School, wearing school uniform is required. We believe that a consistent school uniform helps all pupils feel a sense of belonging to the Nateby community and promotes equality. We take pride in our appearance and expect pupils to be smart, tidy, and ready to learn at all times.

Our uniform policy has been designed to:

- Promote inclusion and reduce competition related to clothing brands
- Support families by offering affordable uniform options
- Ensure pupils are safe, comfortable, and able to participate fully in school life

## Affordability, Sustainability and Second-Hand Uniform

We aim to make school uniform as affordable and accessible as possible. A **second-hand uniform swap table** is set up at each Parents' Evening, providing families with the opportunity to swap any uniform they have. This also allows uniform to be reused, helping the environment by reducing waste, and raises funds for the school.

## School Uniform Shop

We hope you will find that our selection of school uniform is sold at very competitive prices. In addition to uniform items, we also sell:

- Book bags
- PE bags
- School hats

School uniform can be purchased through the **School Uniform Shop on our website** at: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1878>

Families may choose to buy uniform from other retailers. If doing so, please ensure:

- The correct school colours are worn
- Items do **not** include logos (including PE kit)
- Other brand logos are **not permitted**

Supermarkets sell a wide range of suitable neutral uniform which is acceptable. This approach is intended to make life easier for parents and to reduce competition between children over clothing brands.

**Trainers are the one exception** to the no-logo rule; however, logos should be as small and discreet as possible.

## Required School Uniform

Children are expected to wear:

- Light blue polo shirt
- Navy school sweatshirt or generic navy jumper/sweatshirt
- Navy school cardigan or generic navy cardigan
- Long grey or navy trousers, or
- Navy or grey skirt or pinafore dress

- Grey or navy socks or tights
- Black shoes
  - Velcro fastenings are encouraged in Class 1
  - Boots and trainer-style shoes are **not permitted**

## Summer Uniform

During warmer weather:

- Blue checked gingham dress with white socks may be worn
- Navy or grey shorts may be worn
- Shorts may be worn under dresses

## Jewellery, Nail Varnish and Tattoos

Children are **not allowed** to wear:

- Jewellery during school time
- Nail varnish
- Tattoos (including temporary tattoos)

This is for health, safety, and consistency reasons.

## Earrings

Earrings are **not permitted** during PE or swimming lessons.

- School staff are **not allowed** to remove earrings
- If your child has pierced ears, they should **not wear earrings on PE days**
- During the rest of the week, only **small studs** may be worn

If you decide to allow your child's ears to be pierced, please wait until the **start of the summer holidays** to allow sufficient healing time and avoid missing PE and sporting activities.

## Physical Education (PE) Kit

Children will come to school **wearing their PE kit on PE days** and remain in it for the day. Parents will be informed of PE days.

Logo-free PE kit is perfectly acceptable. Please ensure **no branded logos** are visible.

### PE Kit Requirements

- Navy school zip-up hoodie or generic navy zip-up hoodie
- Navy jogging bottoms
  - Plain navy leggings may also be worn
- Blue school PE t-shirt or blue t-shirt
- Footwear:
  - Class 1: Black velcro pumps
  - Other classes: Dark blue or black trainers or pumps (logos should be very small or none)

### Summer PE Kit

Navy shorts or skort may be worn in warmer weather

## School Sports Clubs

If your child attends a school sports club on a day that is **not** a PE day, please send them to school with a PE kit.

- Any suitable sportswear and footwear may be worn
- Sports bras or cropped tops must only be worn **under a t-shirt**

## Hairstyles and Accessories

- Long hair must be tied back at all times
  - This is best practice and helps prevent the spread of head lice
- 'Fashion' hairstyles (e.g. Mohicans, shaved lines) should be saved for school holidays
- Fashion hair accessories are not suitable for school (e.g. large Jo-Jo bows)

If your child has head lice, please treat them using your preferred method and inform school so other families can be made aware. Further guidance can be found in the **Head Lice Policy** on the school website.

## Bags

Children will need a school book bag or similar bag for transporting items to and from school. Due to limited storage space, bags should be **no larger than 40 x 30 x 10 cm**.

## Pencil Cases and Stationery

All stationery is provided by school.

**Pencil cases are not required and should not be brought into school.**

## Mobile Phones and Valuables

Children are **not permitted** to bring mobile phones or other valuable items into school.

- Any such items may be confiscated
- The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage

## Labelling of Clothing

- All items of clothing, including PE kit, should be **clearly labelled with your child's full name**. This greatly helps staff return items if they are misplaced.