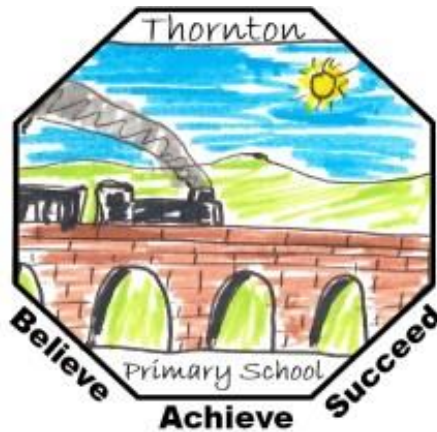


Thornton Primary School



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. The school encourages pupils to take pride in their appearance. Around the school, posters display the slogan 'Look smart. Be smart. Think smart!'

We provide a complete list of the items required for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and pupils pride in their own appearance;
- Establishes a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Prevents children coming to school in fashion clothes that could be inappropriate;
- Promotes equality in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On grounds of health and safety we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are a wrist watch, plain gold / silver earring studs in pierced ears and a small object of religious significance, such as the Kara (a steel band worn on the right arm) or a medical identification chain / band. However, we will ask children to remove these during PE, games and swimming for their safety and the safety of others. Other earrings, bracelets and necklaces are not permitted as these can be dangerous. Staff members are not permitted on grounds of health and safety to remove or replace earrings for children.

Footwear

All pupils are expected to attend wearing black shoes which can be worn around the school. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes or boots that have platform soles or high heels. Shoes that have open toes, sling backs and slip on court shoes are also dangerous, so we do not permit children to wear these. Children are expected to wear either socks or tights with their shoes as not wearing such items may cause damage to their feet in the long term.

We also ask parents to provide their children with soft-soled shoes (plimsolls) to change into for indoor PE lessons. For outdoor PE, children will require sports trainers (not fashion trainers) that can be tied appropriately to avoid injury during the physical activity.

Upper Key Stage 2

In Upper Key Stage 2, the children are required to wear a plain white shirt, tie and either smart trousers or a skirt. Ties must be at an appropriate length and the top button of the shirt should be fastened.

Children in Year 5 and 6 are becoming young adults and we expect them to begin to take more responsibility for their own uniform and PE kit. In Upper Key Stage 2, if children fail to attend school with the correct uniform or PE kit three times they will be given a lunchtime detention on the third instance. We will send a reminder letter home with children on the first and second instance. Detentions for these reasons are rare, and they are usually only needed once, but where a child is persistently forgetting the correct uniform or PE kit, we will attempt to contact parents/carers directly to discuss any concerns.

The role of parents

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, appropriate for school and in a good state of repair.

Good as new uniform

We have 'Good as New' uniform rails for parents who would like to donate any uniform that their children have grown out of, or no longer need. Parents can buy this good quality clothing for a donation which is paid to the office. The money raised from the sales of unwanted uniform goes into school funds.

School Uniform Assistance/Hardship

Thornton primary School supports families in meeting the costs of uniform. School Uniform Assistance is a School voucher equivalent to £26 that can be used on uniform supplied by the school.

School Clothing Assistance eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Children must attend school full-time.
- This scheme applies at Thornton Primary School to children from Reception to Year 6.

Parents/guardians must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Free school meals
- Child Tax Credit, (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Families who meet the criteria should complete the form at the end of this policy and return it to the school.

Further details

1. The budget for the School Uniform Assistance scheme will come from Pupil Premium.
2. Eligibility shall be determined by checking original documents from the relevant authority detailing the receipt of the benefit and the address of the pupil.

Please read this declaration before you sign it.

THORNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL School Uniform Assistance Application Form

Children who attend Thornton Primary School can receive School Uniform Assistance if they receive any of the following:

- Free School Meals.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit).
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Based).
- Child Tax Credit or income less than £16190.00
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

This scheme is open to children in Years Reception - Year 6.

Part 1: Details of parent / guardian

Your full name:

**Title:
birth:**

Gender:

Date of

National insurance number:

Address:

Postcode:

Mobile no.:

Landline No.:

Email address:

By supplying us with a phone number or email we can contact you quickly to let you know if you are eligible

Part 2: Details of each dependent child you are applying for

Surname	Other names	Date of birth

- This is my claim for School Uniform Assistance.

- I declare I am the parent or guardian of the child / children that I am applying for.
- I declare that all the information I have given is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I have enclosed original documentation to prove that I am in receipt of one of the benefits listed at the top of this form.
- I am aware that I have a duty to notify Thornton Primary School in writing immediately of any changes in my circumstances which might affect my entitlement to School Clothing Assistance.
- I understand that information taken from this form will be stored electronically on the school's computers. Thornton Primary School & Nursery is registered to do this under the Data Protection Act 1998. A copy of the Thornton Primary School registration is held for inspection.

Your Signature	Date
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Completed forms can be handed in to the school office or posted to: Thornton Primary School, Thornton Road, Thornton, Bradford BD13 3NN.

If you apply for School Uniform Assistance and qualify, a letter confirming you are eligible for a voucher will be sent to you for each of your children. If you do not qualify for the payment, we will let you know by letter, phone or text and explain why. This allowance is for buying Thornton Primary School uniform sold by the school and is paid once a year.

For office use only:

- Original Documentation seen: (date): _____
(details) _____
- Data Entered
- Eligible / Not Eligible
- Voucher Sent
- Voucher number
- Collected by Name Signature Date

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Signed: Headteacher Date