

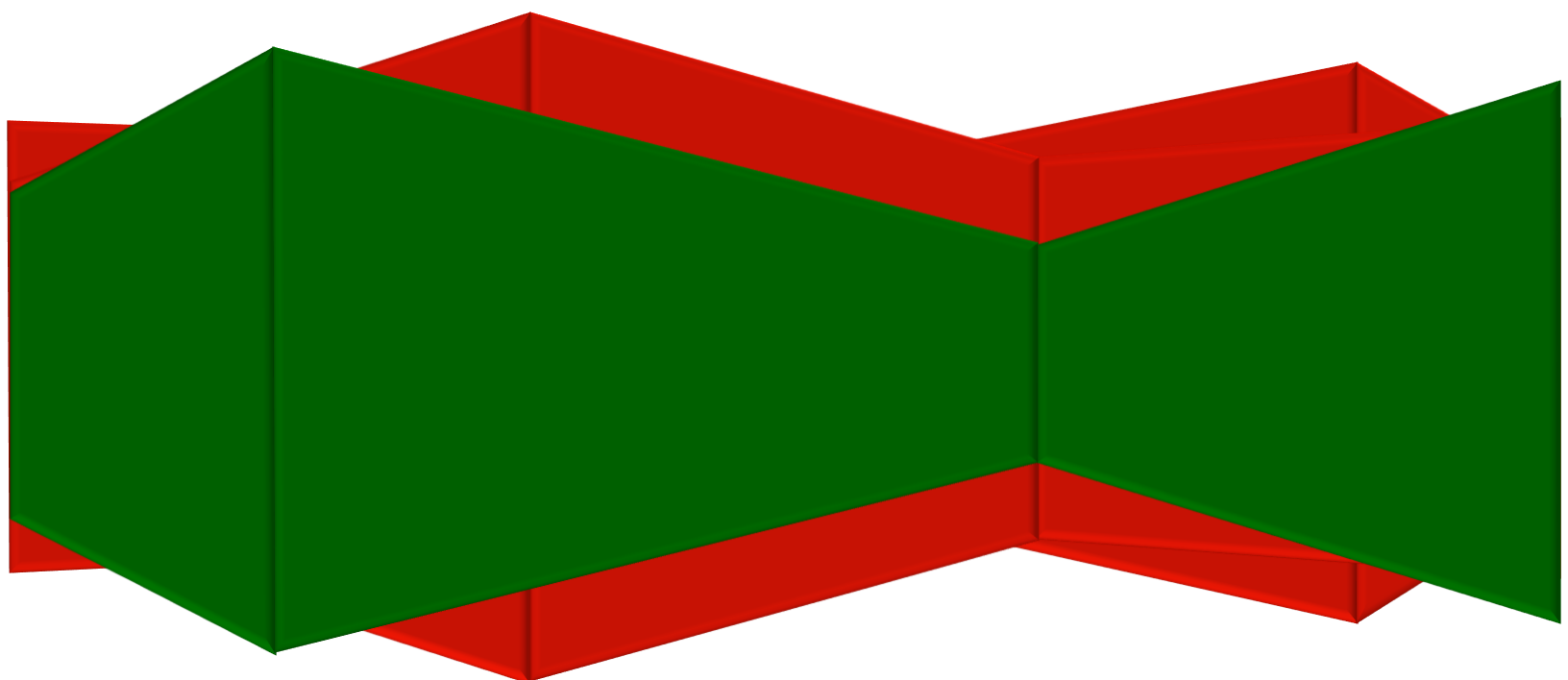
# Chellaston Junior School



## Uniform Policy

2023-2026

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## 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

## 2. Our school’s legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Mrs Price/Mrs Leyland who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

### 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, by only asking that the sweatshirt/cardigan, worn over the polo shirt, features the school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

### 4. Expectations for school uniform

#### 4.1 Our school's uniform

Basic items of clothing:	Colour:
Jumper or Cardigan with/without school logo	Bottle Green preferably with school logo
Polo shirt with/without school logo	White
Plain shirt or blouse	White
Plain school trousers or shorts	Dark Grey/Black
Plain pinafore dress, or plain skirt	Dark Grey/Black
School-type summer dress	Green and white (Gingham)
Shorts	Anyone wearing a dress or skirt may wear a pair of shorts (cycling/lycra) to maintain modesty when playing (we do lots of play upside down!)
Shoes	Only black sensible school shoes
Wellingtons	Any colour – they will be kept in school
Socks/tights	Plain socks in white, grey or black Tights in grey, black, or dark green
PE Kit – to be kept in school in the PE bag provided	

Technical t-shirt with/without school logo	Bottle Green
Shorts	Black
Joggers	Black
Socks	White
Trainers	Black (if possible)
Fleece with school logo	Black (optional item)

## 4.2 Where to purchase it

All logo uniform can be purchased from:

- **Morleys**  
446 Nottingham Road, Chaddesden, Derby, DE21 6PE  
T: 01332 281311  
E: [chaddesdenmorleys@gmail.com](mailto:chaddesdenmorleys@gmail.com)
  - Online - [Chellaston Junior School - Schoolwear Solutions](#)
- My Clothing - [My Clothing](#)
- Uniform Direct – [Uniform Direct](#)

Pre-loved uniform is available for sale in school. A pre-loved stall will be open at the end of the transition days in July and during parents' evenings in the autumn and spring terms.

## 5. Expectations for our school community

### 5.1 Pupils

- Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:
  - On the school premises
  - Travelling to and from school
  - At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the school office if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

### 5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the school office if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **5.3 Staff**

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

### **5.4 Governors**

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

## **6. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

## **7. Links to other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy