

Hordle CE (VA) Primary School and Nursery

UNIFORM POLICY 2026 - 2027

Any reference to 'the school' throughout this policy shall mean Hordle CE (VA) Primary School and Nursery.

Through an education rooted in God's love and grounded in our community through teamship, our children will shape their identity to become aspirational learners, with enquiring minds and deeply held personal values ready to take on their responsibilities; living life in all its fullness as Global Citizens of the future.



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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to a uniform that is affordable and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform, including our PE kit and Nature Discovery Kit
- Comply with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, including the September 2026 limit on compulsory branded items

<https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

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

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, gender reassignment and disability.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Set uniform requirements that apply equally to all pupils so that every child can wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils, regardless of gender
- Allow all pupils to have hair of any length, though we will ask for shoulder-length or longer hair to be tied back for practical and safety reasons
- Allow pupils to style their hair in a way that reflects their cultural or religious identity
- Allow pupils to wear religious or cultural symbols, headscarves and other religious dress, subject to health and safety considerations
- Make reasonable adaptations to uniform requirements for pupils with disabilities or additional needs
- Allow for adaptations to this policy on the grounds of equality by asking parents/carers to contact the school office, who will direct queries to the Headteacher

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure our uniform is affordable, in line with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms (updated July 2026) and the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.

The branded item limit

From 1 September 2026, in line with statutory guidance, our school will not require parents and carers to buy more than 3 items of compulsory branded uniform or PE kit. A branded item is one that carries the school's logo or name, or that can only be bought from a specific supplier because of its colour, fabric or design.

Compulsory Branded Items

Our compulsory branded items are:

- Hordle navy V-neck sweatshirt with school logo
- Hordle PE top

Branded uniform can be purchased directly from [PMG Schoolwear online](#) or via the uniform shop in New Milton. Alternatively, second-hand uniform can be purchased from the school. Please see the office for details of second-hand uniform sales.

Optional Branded Items

Other optional branded items are available to purchase from PNG, New Milton and include:

- Hordle branded book bag
- Hordle branded drawstring gym bag
- Hordle PE hoodie
- Hordle PE shorts
- Hordle PE skort
- Hordle jogging bottoms

Unbranded Items

All other uniform and PE kit items are unbranded and can be purchased from any retailer. Where we offer optional branded items, such as the Hordle Hoodie, an unbranded alternative of the same colour is always acceptable.

Further steps we take to limit cost

- Keeping the number of items with distinctive characteristics to a minimum
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as unbranded, plain navy PE shorts
- Avoiding specific requirements for items that pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats and shoes
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups, classes or extra-curricular activities wherever possible
- Making sure that good quality, second-hand uniform is available to all parents and carers, with clear information on how to access it published on our website
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents and carers of any changes we do make
- Consulting parents, carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to this policy, and carefully considering any complaints or concerns raised
- Ensuring our uniform supply arrangements prioritise cost and value for money

4. Our school uniform

We are proud to wear the Hordle uniform, as it unites us as a team and shows that we are all part of the Hordle school family. We strongly believe that our uniform promotes our ethos and provides a strong sense of belonging and identity. We aspire for our children to wear our uniform with pride for what it means to be part of Team Hordle.

School uniform

Children should wear the following:

- Dark grey classic trousers (no leggings), dark grey pinafore dress, dark grey pleated skirt, or dark grey shorts (required)
- White blouse/shirt or white polo shirt (required)
- Navy V-neck sweatshirt with school logo (required, branded)
- Navy gingham dress – summer term only (optional)
- White or grey socks or tights (required)
- The only footwear permitted in school is a black trainer-style school shoes or black shoes (required).



Shoes

- The only footwear permitted in school is a black trainer-style school shoes or black shoes (required).
- Children do not change their footwear for activities and therefore footwear must enclose the foot and should not have a high heel or platform. Boots are not permitted. Plimsolls are not appropriate although may be offered as a spare pair in an emergency situation.
- If there is a medical reason as to why a child is unable to wear school shoes, parents must email the school office, giving the reason and the expected date on which their child will be back in full uniform.

These shoes ARE suitable:

- They provide full support and are suitable for all activities.



These shoes are NOT suitable:



Platforms are not suitable.



Plimsolls are not suitable.



Boots are not suitable.



These are not black.

PE kit

Children should wear the following for PE, kept in a named drawstring bag:

- Hordle PE top (required, branded)
- Hordle Hoodie, or alternatively a plain navy or black warm PE top (optional)
- Navy shorts or navy skort (required and length of shorts/skort must retain child's dignity)
- Plain navy or black jogging trousers or leggings (required, for outdoor PE in colder months)
- Black trainers (required)



Nature Discovery Kit

Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will also need the following, kept in a named bag at school at all times:

- Waterproof trousers
- A waterproof coat
- Wellington boots

Coats and bags

- Coats should be practical, weatherproof and suitable for the season; they are not required to be branded.
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need a book bag (a branded option is available from PNG)

Hair, jewellery and appearance

- Hair that is shoulder-length or longer must be tied back for health and safety reasons
- Hair must not be dyed and extreme hairstyles, including tramlines, are not permitted
- No jewellery, make-up, false nails or nail varnish is permitted in school
- For safety reasons, children with pierced ears should wear simple studs, which must be removed or taped for PE
- Analogue and digital watches may be worn, but at the owner's risk. Smart watches with communication and/or recording facilities are not permitted.

Nursery Uniform

Children in the nursery are invited to wear their own clothes suitable for the weather and play conditions. However, Hordle branded jumpers are available for our littlest learners and these can be purchased from PMG.

Inappropriate uniform

Where a child arrives at school in items that do not meet this policy, staff will speak to families and work with them to resolve the issue. The school holds a small amount of spare uniform to support families where needed. Financial hardship will always be met with a mindful, supportive approach rather than sanctions.

5. Where to purchase uniform and PE kit

Branded uniform, PE kit and book bags can be purchased directly from PMG Schoolwear online (pmgschoolwear.co.uk) or via the uniform shop in New Milton. The following items can be initialled when ordering through PMG Schoolwear:

- Navy V-neck sweatshirt with school logo (required)
- Hordle PE top (required)
- PE shorts/skort (optional)
- Hordle Hoodie (optional)

All other uniform items, including trousers, skirts, shirts, polo shirts, socks, shoes, coats and outdoor kit, can be purchased more widely from any retailer at competitive prices.

Families who need support accessing second-hand uniform should contact the school office.

6. Expectations for our school community

6.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform, PE kit and Nature Discovery Kit at all times (other than on agreed non-uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- Taking part in out-of-school events, trips or activities organised by the school, or where they are representing the school

Pupils who wish to request an amendment to this policy in relation to a protected characteristic should speak to their class teacher, who will liaise with the Deputy Headteacher and/or Headteacher.

6.2 Parents and carers

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

- Clearly named
- In good condition and a suitable size

Parents and carers should contact the school office if they wish to request an amendment to this policy in relation to their child's protected characteristics, or if they have any concerns about the cost of uniform. Complaints or objections relating to school uniform should be raised in a timely manner and will be dealt with in line with our Complaints Policy, with the aim of reaching a mutually acceptable outcome.

6.3 Staff

Staff will monitor pupils' uniform with kindness and consistency, giving pupils and families the opportunity to resolve any issues. Where a breach of policy continues, staff will follow up with the Deputy Headteacher and/or Headteacher. Where financial hardship is suspected to be a factor, staff will take a sensitive and supportive approach, and will never allow uniform issues to affect a child's access to learning.

6.4 Governors

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

- Is appropriate for our school's context and reflects our Christian values and ethos
- Is applied fairly and consistently across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents, carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is affordable, practical, safe and inclusive for all pupils
- Complies with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, including the limit on compulsory branded items

7. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, it will be approved by the Full Governing Board.

8. Links to other policies

This policy should be read alongside our:

- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Information and Objectives Statement
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Complaints Policy
- SEND Policy

	DATE	Ethos	Equality	Practice	Guidance
This policy was reviewed and screened by the Governing Body	2026 / 2027	☐	☐	☐	☐
Next scheduled review:	Academic Year 2027 / 2028				