ICKFORD SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

March 2026

Introduction

The Department of Education states*: From September 2026, schools should not require parents and carers to buy more than 3 items of branded school uniform.* Ickford School's three branded items are:

- Polo shirt
- Sweatshirt/cardigan
- PE shirt

Other uniform items are still available to purchase from school, but are not compulsory.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

• Promotes a sense of pride in the school

• Engenders a sense of community and belonging

• Is practical and smart

• Identifies the children with the school

• Promotes an equitable and cohesive ethos

• Supports our determination to prevent bullying

• Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents

DfE Guidance

The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states*: 'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school's ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'*

Uniform Requirements

Boys

Green polo shirt with school logo

Green school sweatshirt with logo

Long or short grey trousers

Grey or white plain socks (no logo)

Sensible black shoes (no boots or trainers)

Optional Ickford green beanie or bobble hat (Winter)

Optional plain green baseball cap (Summer)

Girls

Green polo shirt with school logo

Green school sweatshirt with school logo or dark green cardigan (Cardigans with school logo are available)

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Grey or white plain socks (no logo) or grey tights

Optional green beanie hat, bobble hat (no other hats to be worn)

Optional green gingham dress (Summer)

Sensible Black shoes or sandals if closed toes (no boots or trainers or open toed sandals)

Optional plain Ickford green baseball cap (Summer)

Wellington Boots

The school requests that each child has a pair of wellington boots in school so that they can access the school field at all times throughout the year.

PE Kit

Boys and Girls:

School PE t shirt – Ickford logo (compulsory item)

Plain dark blue or black sports shorts (no logos and no casual wear material shorts, no football kits)

Trainers suitable for indoor use in sports hall and outdoor use.

Ickford green plain tracksuit bottoms and hoodie

Swimming

Pupils will require a swimming costume/trunks and a hat.

Football, Rugby and Hockey

Children taking part in football and rugby activities will require shin pads and studded boots. Shin pads are also required for Hockey and gum shields in Key Stage 2.

Jewellery

In the interests of health and safety, we do not permit any jewellery to be worn in school at all with the exception of one pair of small, plain studs in both ears but these earrings must be removed for PE.

Children will not be permitted to miss PE due to having ears pierced so it is essential that this is done during summer break and that the child is able to remove them independently. Children must not wear earrings if they are unable to remove them; covering earrings with sticky plasters in not permitted. If a child cannot remove their earrings independently, parents will be called to come and remove them.

Wrist Watches

Children are permitted to wear a discreet wrist watch that only tells the time. Smart watches, watches with calculators and fitness tracker watches are not permitted. Watches must not be oversized or have additional elements that may cause harm or distraction.

Hair and Cosmetics

Any children (boys and girls) with long hair (below the line of the shoulders) must have it tied back and long fringes must be clipped away from the face. Hair products of any kind including gels, putty, and dyes, are not permitted and hair must be of a suitable style for school. Razor cuts, patterns, dyes, styles with obvious steps or where the sides are much shorter than the top, lines and patterns, are not permitted. All children must have a haircut suitable for school.

Cosmetics of any kind (including nail varnish, fake tattoos and henna) are not permitted.

Packed lunch and water bottles

Each child brings in a packed lunch, a fruit snack and water bottle on a daily basis

The role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, they should contact the Headteacher, Dawn Basnett on headteacher@ickford.org.uk.

The role of Trustees

The Board of Trustees supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. If necessary, it will consider any representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly.

It is the Board of Trustees responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly and smartly, in clothing that is practical and affordable.

Lost Property

Please note that all items of uniform and PE kit must be clearly labelled with the child's name. We do have a lost property box but cannot be held responsible for any items that go missing. If items remain in the lost property box for several weeks, they will be placed in the clothing recycling bin.

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand items of clothing are available and can be obtained through the School PTA. A selection of football boots and shin pads is also usually available in the school.

School Bags and Rucksacks

All children from Year 1 onwards must have a green Rucksack and a green School PE bag. Other bags are not permitted. The children in the EYFS have a green school book bag and are not permitted to use a rucksack or any other bag for school.

Equalities Statement

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.