



'Let your Light Shine' Matthew 5:16

**Northleaze Church of England Primary School
Uniform Policy 2026**

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This policy should be taken as part of the overall strategy of the school and operated within the context of our vision, aims and values as a Church of England School.

Our Christian Values:

Responsibility, Creativity, Respect, Compassion, Resilience, Friendship

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Our Vision

At Northleaze, our uniform plays an important role in promoting our Christian vision “*Let your light shine*”, creating a sense of belonging, supporting equality, and helping pupils present themselves with pride as part of our school community. This policy reflects current Department for Education (DfE) guidance on school uniform, affordability and equalities.

Principles of Our Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy is designed to ensure:

- A strong sense of community, identity and belonging
- Practicality and suitability for learning and play
- Affordability and value for money, in line with statutory DfE guidance on uniform costs (Updated Oct 2025)
- A limit on compulsory branded items, ahead of the 2026 statutory requirement
- Compliance with the Equality Act 2010, allowing reasonable adjustments for medical, cultural or sensory needs (DfE non-statutory guidance, Nov 2025)

Uniform Requirements

School Uniform

- White or royal blue polo shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or with school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress (not black; leggings not permitted)
- Plain black shoes or black trainers (not canvas; must be cleanable)
- White or grey socks or tights
- Optional: blue/white checked summer dress in warm weather
- *Year 6 only: Dark blue jumper(plain or with school logo) with grey trousers/skirt*

PE Kit

- Plain T-shirt in house colour (red/blue/green/yellow)
- Navy or black shorts, leggings or tracksuit trousers
- Trainers or plimsolls
- School jumper or house-coloured hoodie for outdoor PE
- White, grey or navy socks

Jewellery, Hair and Accessories

- No jewellery - except one small plain stud in each earlobe
- Long hair should be tied back
- Hair accessories must be simple (no novelty items)
- Nail varnish and make up should not be worn in school.
- Watches may be worn but must not be smartwatches capable of communication

Reasonable Adjustments & Sensory Needs

In line with DfE equality expectations and LSP best practice (e.g. Lighthouse School's adaptations guidance), we recognise that some pupils may require adjustments to their uniform due to:

- Sensory processing needs
- Disabilities or medical needs
- Cultural or religious requirements

Parents are encouraged to speak with the class teacher or SENDCo so we can agree suitable adaptations.

Second-Hand Uniform

At Northleaze, good-quality second-hand uniform is available through:

- The PSA (regular sales throughout the year)
- The school office (requests handled discreetly)
- Donation points available in school reception

Families are encouraged to donate items children have outgrown.

Non-Uniform Days

To ensure these days remain inclusive and safe:

- Clothing must be practical and suitable for school activities
- Footwear must be safe for movement/play
- Expensive or valuable items should not be worn

This reflects DfE considerations around attendance, inclusion and safeguarding on non-uniform days (guidance updated Nov 2025).

Monitoring, Review & Complaints

This policy is reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Board to ensure compliance with:

- DfE statutory uniform cost guidance (Oct 2025)
- DfE developing uniform guidance (Nov 2025 update)