



Alwoodley Primary School Uniform Policy

(Effective from September 2025)

Introduction

At Alwoodley Primary School, we believe that a school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. From September 2025, we are proud to introduce an active school uniform, reflecting our commitment to outdoor play and learning as an OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) school.

As an OPAL school, Alwoodley Primary prioritises outdoor play and physical activity as part of daily learning. The active uniform:

- Supports freedom of movement and comfort
- Reduces the need for changing clothes for physical activities
- Promotes inclusivity and practicality
- Aligns with our commitment to cost-effective solutions for families

This policy outlines the required and optional uniform items, seasonal variations, branding requirements, purchasing options, and second-hand availability, in line with statutory guidance on affordability and accessibility.

Uniform Requirements

Core Uniform (All Year Round)

- Bottoms: Plain black joggers, leggings, shorts or skort (no branded items)
- Top: White polo shirt or t-shirt
- Outerwear: Purple jumper, cardigan, hoodie (with or without zip), or zip-through sports top (can be branded or generic)
- Footwear: Black trainers
- Additional Items:
 - Wellies: Required for full access to outdoor play areas
 - Gloves: Recommended for use with play equipment
 - Waterproof coat: Essential for outdoor activities
 - Water bottle: To be brought daily

Reception Only

- Indoor pumps/change of shoes

Seasonal Considerations

There is no separate summer or winter uniform; however, pupils are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather using the core items listed above. Waterproof coats and gloves are particularly important during colder months.

Branded vs Generic Items

Branded items (with the school logo) are optional.

All items may be purchased as generic, provided they meet the colour and style guidelines.

Purchasing Options

Uniform items can be purchased from a variety of local suppliers:

- Uniforms and More – 49 Cranmer Bank, Leeds LS17 5JD
- The School Uniform Shop – 18–20 Green Road, Meanwood
- Design School Uniform – 22–24 George Street, LS2 7HY
- Rawcliffes – 617 Roundhay Road, LS8 4AR

Families are free to purchase generic items from supermarkets or other retailers, as long as they meet the school's uniform guidelines.

Second-Hand Uniform

We actively support the reuse of school uniform through:

- Alwoodley Primary School Uniform Exchange on Facebook
- Direct contact with Mrs Jo Shaw at office@alwoodley.net

This initiative promotes sustainability and affordability for families.

Jewellery, Hair, and Appearance

- Only small stud earrings are permitted unless required for religious reasons.
- Nail polish, makeup, large hair accessories, and shaved patterns or unnatural hair colours are not allowed.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- Hair accessories should be in school colours: purple, grey, black, or white.

We acknowledge that some children may prefer traditional uniform styles (skirts, trousers, dresses), and we fully support this choice as long as it aligns with our colour and comfort guidelines.