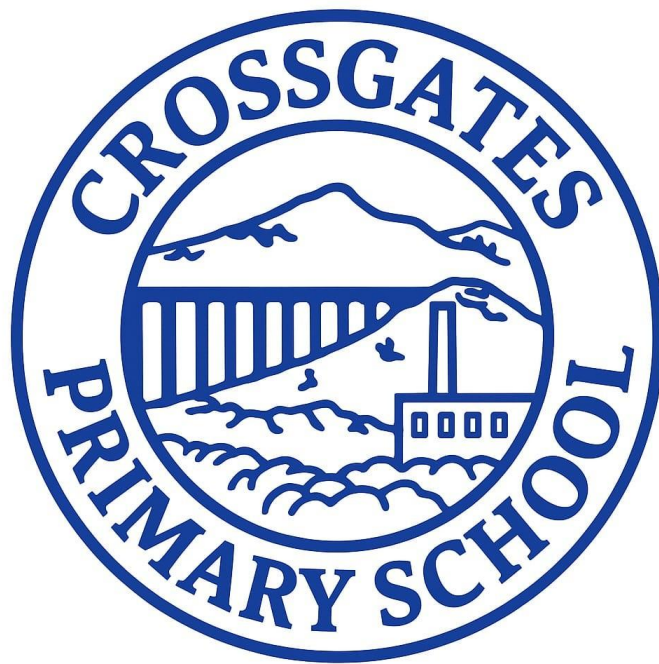


Crossgates Primary School

Uniform Policy



Approved by: Governing Board

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1. Aims and Policy Context

At Crossgates Primary School, we aim to ensure that our school uniform is practical, durable, and highly cost-effective for all families. We believe a shared uniform fosters a strong sense of pride, identity, and belonging within our school community, while promoting equality and removing socio-economic pressure on pupils.

This policy complies with the Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance, *Cost of school uniforms* (under the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021), ensuring that cost never acts as a barrier to a child attending or feeling comfortable at school.

2. Cost, Affordability, and Availability

To ensure complete affordability and compliance with statutory DfE guidance:

- **Minimal and Optional Branding:** Items bearing the school logo are entirely optional. Families may choose plain, unbranded items in the school colours, which are widely and affordably available from local supermarkets and high street retailers.
- **Second-Hand Uniform Provision:** We operate a free, accessible second-hand uniform scheme to promote sustainability and assist families. Donated uniforms are laundered and made available on the uniform rail outside the school premises. All families are welcome to take whatever items they need, free of charge, at any time during the school year. You can also get pre-loved uniform from <https://www.uniformforall.co.uk/>
- **Supplier Transparency:** For families wishing to purchase items featuring the optional Crossgates logo, these are available from:
 - **Moses Uniform Shop** (Rochdale)

3. Uniform Requirements

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform. All items listed below are non-gendered and open to all children.

Main Uniform

- **Outer Layer:** Blue jumper, cardigan, or fleece (plain or with the optional school logo).
- **Tops:** White or royal blue polo shirt (plain or with the optional school crest).
- **Bottoms:** Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts, or pinafores.
- **Summer Wear:** Blue gingham summer dresses or grey/black shorts.
- **Socks & Tights:** Plain white, black, or grey socks or tights.
- **Footwear:** Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.
 - *Early Years (EYFS) Note:* To foster independence and safety, footwear for Early Years pupils must not have laces (velcro or slip-on styles are required).

PE Kit (Physical Education)

For safety and practical movement during physical education, pupils require a simple, low-cost PE kit:

- Plain white or royal blue t-shirt
- Black or navy shorts or dark jogging bottoms for colder weather
- Trainers or plimsolls

4. Health, Safety, and Personal Appearance

- **Labelling:** Every item of clothing and footwear **must** be clearly named to prevent loss and reduce replacement costs for families.
- **Jewellery:** For safety reasons, jewellery is restricted to small, plain stud earrings.
- **PE Safety:** During PE lessons, stud earrings must be removed by the child or covered with tape/plasters brought from home.
- **Hair:** Long hair (shoulder-length or longer) must be tied back at all times in school for health, hygiene, and safety reasons.

5. Equal Opportunities and Reasonable Adjustments

Crossgates Primary School welcomes diversity and aims to accommodate religious, cultural, or medical needs. Requests for reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy (such as adaptations for religious dress or sensory sensitivities associated with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) should be directed to the Headteacher. Every effort will be made to accommodate pupils' needs while maintaining the core principles of safety and inclusivity.

