



School Uniform Policy

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Our school uniform policy reflects the belief that the unique child is central to the ethos and values of Valley School.

For some in our community, school uniforms are very important. This is for many reasons including convenience, cost and inclusion. A uniform can provide a visual and/or tactile object of reference/symbol that a child is going to school and can support in communicating that it is the weekend or school holidays.

For others of us, a uniform provides challenges and therefore at Valley we offer options around school clothing.

Valley uniform - optional

School uniforms with an embroidered Valley logo including a choice between **red and royal blue sweatshirts** and **cardigans** as well as **polo shirts** and **fleeces** are available online from My Clothing - see our website for details. Our office sells **preloved uniforms**. Contact the office to enquire about purchasing or donating items. Some parents choose for their children to wear **red or royal blue** items **without the logo** and we welcome this.

No uniform

Some families prefer for their children to wear **non-uniform clothing** as familiarity, comfort and ease of getting on and off is a priority.

We would prefer for a child to arrive in school in their favourite clothes and ready to learn rather than a parent having had a challenging morning persuading a child to wear a sweatshirt with a logo.

Clothing priorities

At Valley we ask that **comfort for child and clothes designed to support independence skills/ support staff in meeting personal care** are given **priority**. **Therefore**, a child who is: -

- physically active needs **shoes that they can run in** and suitable for all weather outside play
- PEG or JEJ fed need clothes with **easy access**
- children who are in wheelchairs need clothing that is **comfortable to sit** on
- **jogging bottoms** are often a more practical choice than button and zipped school trousers
- All children need **warm coats** and appropriate waterproof clothing/accessories for outside play

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