



The Drive Community Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Change to School Uniform – September 2026

We are writing to inform you of a change to our school uniform, which will come into effect from **September 2026**.

As a school, we are committed to supporting children's health, wellbeing and readiness to learn. An active uniform encourages children to move more freely throughout the school day, supports physical development, and is better suited to active learning opportunities such as outdoor learning, playtimes and practical lessons.

What is changing?

From September, children will replace traditional trousers, skirts, dresses and school shoes with:

- **Black tracksuit bottoms, black leggings or back shorts (NO Nike Pro short)**
- **Black trainers**

Although this uniform may appear less formal, it remains important that uniform expectations are followed. To ensure consistency:

- Bottoms must be **plain black** with **no large logos or branding**.
- Trainers **must be black**.

What will stay the same?

The top half of the uniform will remain unchanged:

- Light blue polo shirt
- School jumper
- On PE days, children will continue to wear their **house team top with the PE hoodie**.

We believe this change will positively support children's comfort, confidence and active engagement in school life.

Thank you for your continued support as we make this transition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Cuthbertson

Assistant Head Teacher



School Uniform Change – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When will the new uniform start?

The new uniform will be required from **September 2026**.

Why is the school making this change?

The change is being made to support children's **comfort, wellbeing and ability to be active throughout the day**. An active uniform allows children to move more freely during lessons, playtimes, outdoor learning and practical activities, helping them to engage fully in school life.

What exactly will children wear from September?

Children will wear:

- **Black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings**
- **Black trainers**

The top half of the uniform will remain the same:

- Blue polo shirt
- School jumper
- On PE days, **house team top with PE hoodie**.

Can children still wear skirts or dresses.

Yes, as long as skirts are black and summer dresses are blue, but we would discourage this as we want children to feel comfortable during outdoor play. Skirts, school shoes and ballet pumps can restrict movement, particularly during active lessons and playtimes. Moving to leggings or tracksuit bottoms with trainers ensures all children, can take part confidently and comfortably in all activities.

Does this mean uniform rules no longer apply?

No. Although the uniform may appear more relaxed, **high expectations remain important**.

- Bottoms must be **plain black** with **no large logos or branding**.
- Trainers **must be black**.

Can children wear any trainers?

Trainers must be **plain black**. Fashion trainers with bright colours or large logos are not part of the uniform.

Do parents need to replace uniform immediately?

We understand uniform replacement can take time. Families can **gradually transition** to the new uniform ahead of September where possible. From September, the new uniform will be expected.

Will this be cheaper for families?

Many families already own black leggings, tracksuit bottoms and trainers. The school is mindful of cost and believes this change offers a **practical and cost-effective option** for many households.

What about PE days?

There is **no change** to PE expectations:

- Children will continue to wear their **house team top and PE hoodie** on PE days.

Who can I speak to if I have concerns or questions?

If you have any questions or need support regarding the uniform change, please contact the school and we will be happy to help.