

Uniform data findings (January 2025)

Primary Schools (191 responses)

Item	Branded must be worn	Unbranded is the only option	Either branded or unbranded can be worn	Item not worn
Shirt	1	72	45	74
Polo shirt	6	38	142	6
Skirt	2	159	22	10
Trousers	1	162	20	9
Dress	2	158	24	8
Cardigan or jumper	30	15	145	2
Blazer	0	1	6	183
Bag	10	27	100	54
PE top	17	50	116	8
PE skirt or shorts	2	145	34	11
PE socks	0	122	16	50
PE fleece	5	63	68	54
Hat	2	58	66	65

- 4% primary schools said that they did not have a link on their website to their uniform policy
- 60% primary schools offered financial support to families
- 64% primary schools said they had sought to reduce the cost of their uniforms to families in the past few years.

Secondary schools (27 responses)

Item	Branded must be worn	Unbranded is the only option	Either branded or unbranded can be worn	Item not worn
Shirt	0	16	0	11
Polo shirt	10	3	2	11
Skirt	7	15	2	2
Trousers	1	23	1	1
Dress	0	4	0	23
Cardigan or jumper	20	5	0	0
Blazer	8	1	4	15
Bag	3	9	1	14
PE top	24	2	1	0
PE skirt or shorts	8	15	3	1
PE socks	3	16	6	1
PE fleece	12	3	3	9
Hat	1	6	1	20

- 0% secondary schools said that they did not have a link on their website to their uniform policy
- 96% secondary schools offered financial support to families
- 77% secondary schools said they had sought to reduce the cost of their uniforms to families in the past few years.
- 44% of secondary schools expect students to wear a blazer v. 83% nationally
- 88% of secondary schools expect students to wear some branded PE kit v. 94% nationally

Special schools (8 responses)

Item	Branded must be worn	Unbranded is the only option	Either branded or unbranded can be worn	Item not worn
Shirt	0	1	1	6
Polo shirt	0	1	5	2
Skirt	0	3	0	5
Trousers	0	4	0	4
Dress	0	3	0	5
Cardigan or jumper	0	1	5	2
Blazer	0	0	0	0
Bag	0	2	2	4
PE top	0	2	0	5
PE skirt or shorts	0	3	0	5
PE socks	0	2	0	6
PE fleece	0	2	0	6
Hat	0	1	0	0

- 0% special schools said that they did not have a link on their website to their uniform policy
- 63% special schools offered financial support to families
- 75% special schools said they had sought to reduce the cost of their uniforms to families in the past few years.

Approximate amount it would cost to buy one brand new, full set of mandatory school uniform items, including PE kit (but excluding shoes and coat)**Primary:**

Less than £25	110 schools	58%
£26-50	66 schools	35%
£51-75	9 schools	5%
£76-100	2 schools	1%
£101-150	3 schools	2%
£150-200	1 school	-1%

Secondary:

Less than £25	2 schools	7%
£26-50	8 schools	30%
£51-75	4 schools	15%
£76-100	7 schools	26%
£101-150	5 schools	19%
£150-200	1 school	3%

Special:

Less than £25	7 schools	96%
£25-50	1 school	14%

The national survey suggested that the average total expenditure on school uniform, based on the items required in the school year 2023/24. It was less expensive for parents/carers of children in primary schools (£217.65 for boys and £246.80 for girls) than for those with children in secondary schools (£266.14 for boys and £289.04 for girls).

It could be argued that two full sets of uniform, for secondary school pupils in **24% of schools** may cost more than the national average. 2-3% of primary schools may be more expensive than the national average.