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School Uniform Care Sheet

Follow these simple tips to keep your child's school uniform looking and feeling great

As with any piece of clothing, always follow the care labels. Washing at the wrong setting using the wrong detergents, using excessive temperatures from tumble-dryers, and steam irons can damage clothing.



Washing your School Uniform

- Read the care label carefully
- Empty all pockets
- Close buttons and zips to reduce the chance of snagging and losing buttons
- Turn clothes inside out to reduce wear and tear
- Separate light and dark colours to avoid colour runs
- Do not over-fill the machine to ensure clothes are cleaned properly
- Use an appropriate detergent quantity recommended by the manufacturer
- Never exceed the temperature marked on your care label or garments can colour run and shrink

HOT TIP

















Some Schoolwear garments like acrylic knitwear should never be washed with fabric conditioner. This can damage the aesthetics of the garment. Check the care label!



Drying and Pressing your School Uniform

- Read the care label carefully - some uniform clothing cannot be ironed
- Think about the environment and your garment life - cool tumble dry or line/dry-flat is always best
- Turn clothes inside out to reduce wear and tear
- Avoid high-heat settings wherever possible

Commonly used symbols:

Care Symbol	Instruction	Care Symbol	Instruction
	Normal washing 40°C		Do not iron
	Reduced cycle washing 40°C		Cool iron
	60°C Reduced Cycle Process		Warm iron
	Hand wash only		Hot iron
	Do not bleach		Do not tumble dry
	Any bleach allowed		With low heat setting
	Do not dry clean		With high heat setting
	Must be professionally dry cleaned		May be tumble dried

A more comprehensive list of care symbols can be found at: www.care-labelling.co.uk

Sign our petition to make school uniform more affordable

We are campaigning for a salary sacrifice voucher scheme to be put in place for school uniform. This will make it easier for parents to budget for school uniform, and it will be more affordable as the vouchers will be tax exempt. This would be similar to the childcare voucher scheme in place at the moment. Please help us to make this possible, by signing our petition here - <http://tinyurl.com/schoolwear>



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