



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children within the school;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school;
- Reduces any early morning arguments about fashion, and that dressing in “work clothes” rather than “social clothes” encourages the right attitude to work/learn;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

Children are only allowed to wear one small, plain pair of studded earrings (which should be taken out for PE) and one watch. No other jewellery is to be worn.

The exceptions to this rule are items of religious significance.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Please see separate Jewellery Policy for further information

Extreme haircuts or styles

The school does not permit children to have ‘extreme’ haircuts that could serve as a distraction to themselves or other children.

Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns e.g. ‘V’ styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden.

Pupils with long hair (Below shoulder length) should tie it back for the following reasons;

- On health and safety grounds;
- To not distract them from their learning;
- To prevent the spreading of head lice.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. For the following reasons, we forbid;

- Shoes with platform soles or high heels, as these are dangerous for children to walk in;
- Trainers, as this footwear is only appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform;
- Wellington boots, as these are not safe to walk and run around in; these are for outdoor learning only;
- Open-toed shoes, as these present several risks to the children's feet.

We therefore require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

In winter time, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring black school shoes to change into.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

We ask that all uniform is named with a marker pen or a sewn in/ironed in label. This is to avoid items of clothing becoming lost as we collect lots of lost property. The school can accept no responsibility for losses of any kind.

The role of the Local Committee

The Local Committee supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Local Committee's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

The Local Committee ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The Local Committee monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they support the policy;
- Considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- Requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Uniform

The school uniform is:

- Grey trousers, school skirt or pinafore dress;
- Grey or black socks or woollen tights;
- A white shirt or polo t-shirt;
- Emerald green jumper or cardigan with the school logo on (required).

The summer uniform (From Easter to the end of the summer term) is:

- Emerald green and white checked or striped dresses;
- Grey shorts;
- Hats to shield the sun.

NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles.

PE Uniform

The PE uniform is:

- Black PE shorts;
- A white t-shirt;
- Black plimsolls;
- Trainers (for outdoor use);
- Black tracksuit bottoms and top (for outdoor use during the winter time).

PE kits should be in a named bag and each item of PE clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name. The school can accept no responsibility for losses of any kind.

PE kits must be in school every day. They must be brought into school on a Monday and taken home for washing on a Friday.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages

schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'