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School Uniform Policy



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We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

Aims:

- All children wear the correct uniform to school which is practical and smart
- Children feel proud to belong to the school and have a sense of community
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school and send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.
- All children are equal in their appearance.

Guidelines:

- It is expected every child from Nursery upwards will wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.
- Most items of uniform can be purchased from the school office. Second-hand items are occasionally available via the school office at prices to be agreed.
- If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers (see Appendix 1).
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (eg unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, etc) then the school will provide uniform for the child to wear for the day.
- PE kit should be kept in school **all week** and only taken home at weekends for washing.
- If a child does not have their PE kit in school, a letter is sent home to the parents/carers.
- Parents are asked to **clearly label every item** of school clothing with their child's full name.
- The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform.
- There are baskets for lost property located in each building. Any items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of.
- If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (eg health or religious grounds) then the governors will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer.

Jewellery

On Health and Safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are **one** small, smooth stud in each ear and a plain, appropriately sized, proper watch for simple time telling. Earrings **must be removed** during PE or swimming and because of this we ask parents to **only** have ears pierced at the start of the six week holiday. This is to

prevent them from causing injury. Adults in school are not permitted to remove earrings and this is the responsibility of the child or parent. Any jewellery worn in school is the **direct responsibility** of the parent and child.

Wearable Technology

Apple Watches and FitBit etc as well as other well-known brands, have the ability to pose issues when worn in class by the children. Some devices have cameras built in, whereas others have the same communication levels as mobile phones (which are not permitted in school).

Wearable technology such as smart watches which can do more than simple basic functions of telling the time and recording how many steps have been taken etc, **must not** be worn in school. We will allow children to wear a simple digital/analogue watch or a basic smart watch providing the only additional functions are to act as a pedometer etc.

Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. For example, Mohicans or shaved patterns. For health and safety and hygiene reasons all children, girls and boys, must have their hair tied up where it is long enough to do so especially for PE.

Makeup, nail varnish and tattoo transfers **must not** be worn in school. Parents will be contacted and asked to remove make up and nail varnish immediately. Children will be expected to wash off tattoo transfers.

Uniform Details:

Winter Uniform

Plain white or light blue Polo Shirt (or one with school logo)
School Sweatshirt, School Cardigan or School Fleece.
Black/dark grey trousers or skirt



Summer Uniform

The same as winter uniform **OR**

Blue and white School dress
Black or grey tailored shorts
Royal Blue cardigan or School cardigan

Polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans and fleeces can be purchased from the school office.



Please note that leggings are not appropriate clothing for school and must not be worn.

Footwear

It is important that children have sensible, dark coloured shoes or boots for school with buckles, laces or velcro. Brightly coloured trainers are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn. Open-toed sandals, shoes with raised heels, clogs or mules should also not be worn. These are not suitable for school especially at play times.

Nursery

For health and safety reasons all children must have a pair of plimsolls to change into when entering the Nursery unit. Children must also have a sensible pair of shoes or boots with buckles, laces or velcro for outdoor use. Slip on shoes must not be worn.

P.E. Kit: (A change of clothes is essential)

<u>PE Kit:</u>
Plain white/light blue T-shirt or school polo shirt
Plain Black or Navy shorts
Trainers or black plimsolls
A tracksuit is also useful for outdoor activities during the winter

NB: Football kits and canvas shoes are not acceptable PE Uniform.

APPENDIX 1 - Standard letter to parents

Date:

Dear Parent/Carer

Child's name: Class:

We noticed that your child did not wear their uniform to school today.

I'm sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school. As our policy states:

"We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers."

I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that they dress appropriately every school day. Our uniform is as follows:

Winter Uniform

Plain white Polo Shirt (or one with school logo)
School Sweatshirt, School Cardigan or School Fleece
Black/dark grey trousers or skirt

Summer Uniform

The same as winter uniform **OR**

Blue and white School dress
Black or grey tailored shorts
Royal Blue cardigan or School cardigan

****Jeans, leggings, tracksuits, high-heeled shoes/boots, football shirts, shirts with large slogans/logos etc. are not acceptable school wear.***

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Date

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with regards to_____. Unfortunately,_____has not been bringing their full PE Kit to school._____has been borrowing school PE kit for several weeks. Please could_____bring her PE kit in to school on a Monday and leave on her peg until Friday when it can be taken home to wash.

P.E. Kit: (A change of clothes is essential)

Plain T-shirt or school polo shirt
Plain Black or Navy shorts
Trainers or black plimsolls
A tracksuit is also useful for outdoor activities during the winter

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Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Date ratified by the Governing Body: July 2022

Date last reviewed: July 2019

Next review date: July 2025

Virtually Signed by Chair of Governors: Mr S. Ryley **Date:** 11th July 2022