



Uniform

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Principles

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing 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 children's school uniform in this policy and in our school prospectus.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

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

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

School Uniform and Equipment

All clothing and personal property must be clearly marked with the child's name.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

- a white shirt or polo shirt
- a grey skirt or trousers
- a school sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece with logo
- White or dark coloured socks or tights
- suitable flat closed in black shoes(no opened toed sandals or boots)
- in summer, a red and white checked dress of suitable style

BOYS' UNIFORM

- a white shirt or polo shirt
- grey trousers
- a school sweatshirt or fleece
- dark coloured socks
- suitable shoes in black
- in summer a polo shirt and grey shorts may be worn

Footwear

Black shoes with flat heels or plain black trainers. Boots are not appropriate footwear for school. If it is a wet or cold day we ask that wellies or warm boots are worn to travel to school, and normal school shoes brought in to change into.

PE

Each child is required to have a white tee shirt with school logo, red shorts and plimsolls.

KS2 children may also need trainers and possibly football boots.

All P.E. kit must be kept in a named drawstring bag. We ask parents to avoid sending large bags and rucksacks to school as these present storage problems. Regular washing of P.E. kit is obviously desirable. During hot weather sun hats should be worn.

A named apron or a cut down shirt is needed to protect children's clothing during Art/Craft and other practical activities.

Forest School

Children are required to wear long sleeve t-shirts or jumpers and long trousers for Forest School activities. They will also need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.

Earrings

We would prefer earrings and any other form of jewellery not to be worn at school. Jewellery is easily lost, thus causing distress. More importantly, it can be a real danger to the wearer. This is particularly true of earrings. Studs may be worn if ears are pierced. **These must be removed for all P.E./sporting activities.**

The beginning of the summer break is best to have ears pierced so that they are properly healed by the start of the autumn term.

Make up and Cosmetics

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Head has given permission.

Extreme hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes spiking and gelling hair or having false extensions. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Children not wearing correct uniform

Occasionally children come to school in incorrect uniform. We request that a parent informs the school of the reason why their child is not in the correct uniform and rectifies this as soon as possible. A letter will be sent home by the school informing parents of the incorrect item of uniform.

There may be occasions when a child is asked to change into school uniform i.e. school photographs. The school hold a small amount of spare uniform for such occasions.

Monitoring and review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy