



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

The government released new guidance for schools in November 2021, with the expectation that schools will become compliant with this guidance in September 2022. We conducted a parent survey to help formulate this policy and more information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Our uniform with logos can be purchased from our named school supplier. All items are also easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be small, plain and either burgundy or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes as stated in the uniform list. Appropriate footwear must be worn for PE – trainers or plimsolls.

Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

Branded Clothing

We do request that all clothing is of a non-branded variety, including school shoes. Clothing should be plain and not carry any named make branding (e.g. plain white t-shirt for PE). The only exception to this rule is for PE trainers which can be branded as they will probably be worn outside of school.

Coats and bags

We do ask that all children wear a plain navy coat as this helps maintain the consistency of our school uniform. Our uniform providers do provide school bags with logos. Whilst there is not an expectation you buy these bags, we do find that these are often of a better quality and longer lasting than shop bought rucksacks. If you do purchase non-school bags, we would request that these are as plain as possible.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially with the Head Teacher to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

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 Uniform Policy, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head Teacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body 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 governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

Appendix 1 – Uniform list

School Uniform

Our uniform is intended to be simple and easy for parents to find appropriate items. A consistent uniform is smart and contributes to the ethos and the high expectations of the school. It also eliminates any inequalities and disadvantage that exists in our school community. Whilst we have a uniform provider for logo items, this is not a requirement and non-logo uniform is acceptable.



Reception to Year 4

White polo shirt.
Burgundy jumper or Cardigan.
Navy coat.



Grey Trousers.
Grey Skirt (towards the knee in length).
Grey Smart Shorts.
Grey/black socks or tights.

Years 5 & 6

As above but with white shirt or white blouse and school tie.

Optional Items

Yellow & White gingham summer dress/shorts with white socks
Burgundy beanie or cap. Burgundy school bag.

Shoes

Sensible & practical black shoes with uppers no higher than ankle bone.
Plain, unbranded black trainers are permitted for active pupils (strictly no branding or markings).



PE Kits *(please send kit in a small draw-string bag).*

Reception to Year 6

White t-shirt, Burgundy shorts, White socks.
Plimsolls & trainers.

Optional Items

Navy tracksuit bottoms, Burgundy sweatshirt or hoody for winter months.



Uniform Suppliers

School uniform should be ordered directly through
YourSchoolUniform.com

Named Clothing and Lost Property

Children are encouraged to go outside during the day throughout the year so it is important, especially for children who travel to school in a car, that they are equipped for wet weather and sunshine. It is essential that a child's clothing and property be marked in some way. This does help when trying to trace lost property. To view lost property, please contact the office.
Lost property is displayed from time to time after which it is recycled.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn in school. Stud earrings are permitted, but following guidance, they must be removed (or preferably not worn at all) on the days P.E. activities are taking place.

Watches

Whilst analogue watches are good for pupils to use and improve their ability with time, they are for some just one more thing to get damaged or lost. Any expensive items such as Fitbits are not encouraged.

Personal Belongings

We discourage children from bringing personal belongings to school to avoid any issues around loss and upset.

Mobile Phones

Only children in years 5 & 6 are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school if they are walking home alone, by prior agreement. Any mobile phones must be kept in the school office during the school day.