

School Uniform Policy

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.

Aims and Objectives

Our Policy on School uniform is based on the notion that School uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the School.
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the School.
- Is practical and smart.
- Identifies the children with the School.
- Prevents children from coming to School in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for School and good value for money by most parents.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform

- Jumper/Cardigan – plain navy blue v-neck School jumper/cardigan. Optional Logo items available in school
- Short or long-sleeved Shirts/Blouses – White
- Trousers/Shorts - Charcoal Grey
- Skirts –navy blue pleated skirt or school check skirt (Optional - available in school)
- School tie (Compulsory)
- Socks - Black, Grey (White with skirts/dress)
- Tights – navy blue
- Pinafore dresses – navy blue
- Navy school fleece (optional logo item available in school)
- Shoes (not trainers) - Black (Please note: Shoes should be robust and high heels avoided)
- Summer Polo Shirt (Terms 1, 5 and 6) - White
- Summer Dresses – Navy blue & white gingham (Terms 1,5 and 6)
- Branded Book bags, PE bags and Hats are also available via the school office.
- Water bottles are required for all children.

Please note that Foundation Stage children can wear a polo shirt all year (instead of a shirt and tie)

P.E. Clothing

- White T-shirt (Optional Logo items available in school) and navy/black shorts
- Tracksuit –navy/black
- Jogging bottoms – navy/black
- Navy school fleece
- Navy sweatshirt
- No football or rugby shirts may be worn as an item of P.E kit
- No tight vest tops may be worn
- No hot pants/revealing shorts may be worn.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our School. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Extreme Haircuts

There is no difference in hair rules for boys and girls. The School does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes extreme colours. Children with long hair are encouraged to have their hair tied up. Long hair must be tied up for PE.

Our school does not discriminate against pupils on a number of grounds, such as disability, race or religion or belief whereby exceptions to the above may be required.

Footwear

The School wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our School. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to School; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a School uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

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, and therefore fit for purpose. If any parent would like the School to modify the Uniform Policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher; 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 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, as well as meet health and safety guidance. Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps 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 parent governors, 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.
- Requiring the Head Teacher to report to the Governors any circumstances where the School uniform is consistently and seriously breached.