

School Uniform Policy for Parents and Carers Spring 2020

We have the highest expectations from our students with regards to school uniform and appearance and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

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.

Our School Uniform Policy supports our Positive Behaviour Policy.

School Uniform

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, except residential. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers; skirts must be knee-length; leggings must not be worn.

Items of uniform with the school logo can be bought from the school, whilst others are easily available at local shops, including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is printed below.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY	
Boys	Girls
Trousers or shorts – black or grey Shirt – white School polo shirt – white/green Pullover – dark green or grey School sweatshirt – dark green School fleece (dark green)	Skirt, tunic, trousers or shorts – black or grey – knee length or below the knee only for skirts Blouse – white School polo shirt – white/green Dress – green/white gingham check for the summer Pullover or cardigan – dark green or grey School sweatshirt – dark green School fleece (dark green)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Boys and Girls)	
PE/Games Kit	Swimming
Black shorts White T-shirt Trainers or plimsolls Tracksuit – blue or black, no hoods	Trunks or costume (one piece only for girls) Towel Poolside footwear

Removal of Non-uniform Colours and Inappropriate Clothing

Children who arrive at school wearing non-uniform colours or inappropriate clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our uniform stock whilst in school; clothing will be returned to children at the end of the school day. Parents and carers will be contacted to discuss the matter.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and sensible sized watches. Children are required to remove earrings and watches during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either green or black. Hair bows must be small and unobtrusive. Children will be asked to remove inappropriately large, sparkly bows for health and safety reasons.

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours functions, e.g. a school disco, or for a dress-up day as part of a costume. Temporary tattoos are not allowed.

Hairstyles

Hair should be one natural colour and not dyed. The style should be appropriate for school and should not obstruct pupils' vision. Long hair must be tied back for PE and should not be tied up on top of the head (sensible buns are acceptable).

Tramlines and patterns shaved into pupils' hair are not allowed and hair sculpted into a Mohican style or significantly different grading (for example shaved at the back and long on top) is also not permitted.

The use of styling products must be kept to a basic minimum.

Footwear

All children are required to wear **plain black shoes or trainers without logos. If boots are worn, these should be plain black.** If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the carpet, they may be asked to change into PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

Children should wear shoes which they can manage to do up independently. Platform soles are not appropriate.

The Role of Parents and Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents and carers 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 and carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the issues. Parents and carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body support the Senior Leadership Team in implementing the School Uniform Policy. Governors ensure that the policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Outside Clothing

Outside clothing should not be worn inside the school building, including scarves. If a fleece is a child's outside coat, it should not be worn in school.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Health and Safety Committee of the Governing Body.