



Uniform Policy

September 2024

Introduction

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. A list of school uniform can be found on the school website in the School Prospectus.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Promotes an equitable and cohesive ethos
- Supports our determination to prevent bullying
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents

DfE Guidance

The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states: 'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school's ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'

Uniform Requirements

Boys Winter

Green polo shirt with school logo

Green school sweatshirt with logo

Long or short grey trousers

Grey socks

Sensible Black shoes (no boots or trainers)

Optional school beanie or bobble hat (No other hats to be worn)

Girls Winter

Green polo shirt with school logo

Green school sweatshirt with logo or dark green cardigan (Cardigans with school logo are available)

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Grey socks or grey tights

Sensible Black shoes (no boots or trainers)

Optional school beanie hat, bobble hat or boater (no other hats to be worn)

Boys Summer

Green polo shirt with school logo

Grey shorts

Grey socks

Sensible Black shoes or sandals if closed toes (no boots or trainers or open toed sandals)

Optional school baseball cap or boater (No other hats to be worn)

Girls Summer

Green gingham dress

Grey socks (grey tights are permissible if weather is inclement)

Sensible Black shoes or sandals if closed toes (no boots or trainers or open toed sandals)

School baseball cap or boater (No other hats)

PE Kit

Boys and Girls

School PE shirt

Plain dark blue shorts (No logos and no casual wear material shorts, no football kits)

Trainers suitable for indoor use in sports hall and outdoor use. (No boots or high tops)

Clean sports socks (KS2)

Grey school socks (KS1)

Green school tracksuit (Hoodie)

Swimming

Pupils in year 5 and 6 will require swimming costumes and a hat.

Football, Rugby and Hockey

Children taking part in football and rugby activities will require shin pads and studded boots. Shin pads are also required for Hockey and gum shields are also recommended.

Jewellery

In the interests of health and safety, we do not permit any jewellery to be worn in school at all with the exception that girls are permitted to wear one pair of small, plain studs in both ears but these earrings must be removed for PE. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.

Children will not be permitted to miss PE due to having ears pierced so it is essential that this is done during summer break and that all girls are able to remove them independently. Girls must not wear earrings if they are unable to remove them. Covering earrings with sticky plasters is not permitted and earrings must be removed. If a child cannot remove their earrings independently, parents will be called to come and remove them.

Wrist Watches

Children are permitted to wear a discreet wrist watch that only tells the time. Smart watches, watches with calculators and fitness tracker watches are not permitted. Watches must not be oversized or have additional elements that may cause harm or distraction.

Hair and Cosmetics

Any children (boys and girls) with long hair (below the line of the shoulders) must have it tied back and long fringes must be clipped away from the face. Hair products of any kind including gels, putty, and dyes, are not permitted and hair must be of a suitable style for school. Razor cuts, patterns, dyes, styles with obvious steps or where the sides are much shorter than the top, lines and patterns, are not permitted. All children must have a haircut suitable for school.

Cosmetics of any kind (including nail varnish, fake tattoos and henna) are not permitted.

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 carefully at such requests but reserves the right to refuse.

The role of Trustees

The Board of Trustees supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. If necessary, it will consider any representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly.

It is the Board of Trustees responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly and smartly, in clothing that is practical and affordable.

Lost Property

Please note that all items of uniform and PE kit must be clearly labelled with the child's name. We do have a lost property box but cannot be held responsible for any items that go missing. If items remain in the lost property box for several weeks, they will be placed in the clothing recycling bin.

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand items of clothing are often available and can be obtained through the School PTA. A selection of football boots is also usually available in the school.

School Bags and Rucksacks

All children from Year 1 onwards must have a school Rucksack and a School PE bag. Other bags are not permitted. The children in the EYFS have a school book bag and are not permitted to use a rucksack or any other bag for school.

Equalities Statement

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.