



Uniform Policy

Introduction

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 take pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available at very competitive prices from local shops, including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for PE, is outlined below.

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 both practical and smart, and is designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish

Long hair should be tied up to remove possible distractions and reduce the possibility of nits spreading. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be sensible and in keeping with the school uniform colours, nothing too large.

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

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. Earrings are strongly discouraged in school; if parents opt for their child to wear earrings, only small studs are permitted. Any other forms of piercings are not permitted on health and safety grounds. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance, a medical bracelet or a wristwatch. Children are required to remove or cover (with surgical tape) any items of this nature during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove or insert earrings and will not be responsible for any items of jewellery removed for PE.

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, or black trainers (as plain as possible, but certainly without large logos or large flashes of colour). If boots are worn, these should also be plain black.

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 to a member of staff 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 from our 'nearly new' stock to wear for that day. The same system will apply for



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children who do not have a PE kit. If this is a repeated issue, 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 school will consider such requests sympathetically.

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 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 by:

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

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of navy, sky blue and grey or black. Most items can be bought from high street shops. Items which have the school logo on, are available through the retailers named at the end of this policy. **All school uniform and PE kit MUST be named.** Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing and lost property can build up quickly; please help us by naming everything you send into school. The uniform consists of:

- Plain black or grey shorts, trousers or leggings
- Plain grey skirt, pinafore dress;
- Blue and white checked dress;
- Sky blue polo shirt available with logo on but not essential;
- Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo on;
- Plain white or grey socks (short or knee length) or tights (navy or grey);

Please note that skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, even if they are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. To protect the children's 'modesty', careful consideration should be given to fabrics, particularly if leggings are worn as they can be easily 'see through'.

Shoes should be flat, plain black (or as plain as possible) and appropriate for school, which often includes running around on the playground. If trainers are worn, these should be black and as plain as possible, but certainly without large logos. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently; velcro fastenings are strongly recommended for younger children. If boots are worn, these also should be plain black.



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PE Kits

Children should come to school in PE clothes and footwear for PE on their specified PE days. They will need:

- Plain navy shorts or navy / black close fitting leggings for girls;
- Sky blue T-shirt available with logo on but not essential;
- Navy or black tracksuit bottoms to wear over PE shorts to and from school on PE days;
- Navy school logo hoodie on PE days only or regular school logo jumper or cardigan to coordinate with the navy or black tracksuit bottoms;
- Trainers; velcro fastenings are essential for younger children;

For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

As the children come to school in their PE Kit on PE Days, they should bring a spare pair of shoes or plimsoles/trainers and socks for them to change in to should their feet get wet whilst outside in their lessons. This extra pair of shoes and socks should be brought in and taken home on PE Day and should not be left in school. They should be brought in in a drawstring PE bag or in their school bag.

Swimming

Year 6 children go swimming every summer term as part of PE. They will need to bring a swimming costume and towel. They can wear a hoodie or school sweatshirt / cardigan with the school logo on and their PE T-shirt, along with jogging bottoms / leggings on swimming days as well as normal PE days. Goggles can only be worn if permissions form is completed on the school app in advance of lessons taking place.

Preloved Uniform Sales

We are pleased to take donations of pre-loved school uniform that is in good condition and sell this on to parents for a small cost. Parents will be informed when uniform sales are available. This service will help to support sustainability and recycling. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of spare kit for school and helping out those families in need.

Please find examples of our school uniform and the retailers who sell our log items on the next page.

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PE Bags and Book Bags are available from two school uniform providers in navy with the school logo on. No large bags or back packs are allowed in school due to limited space. The sky blue polo shirt and PE T-shirt are available from supermarkets and other clothing merchants without the school logo on, as are the tracksuit bottoms and leggings. All school jumpers, cardigans and hoodies must have the school logo on. Formal uniform stockists that sell our logo items and bags are: • www.exampleschooluniforms.com • www.rosebuddiesonline.co.uk		