



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on the school website.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the shared understanding that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents;
- and has been designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform

- Royal blue school jumper or cardigan **(required)**
- White polo shirt **(required)**
- Grey pinafore, skirt or grey trousers **(required)**
- Flat black school shoes or plain black trainers which include velcro, buckles or lace up fastenings. **(required)**

*In Summer Term, pupils may wear grey shorts with a short sleeved shirt and school jumper. **(optional)***

*In Summer Term, pupils may wear a blue and white checked gingham dress with a school cardigan. **(optional)***

***Clothing is available with Fairfield branded logos. However, this is optional and not a requirement. Items can be purchased from a range of suppliers including all major supermarket chains or more local specialised shops. School also keeps a certain amount of second-hand clothing for parents to utilise where necessary.**

PE Uniform

PE kit consists of plimsolls/trainers, a white plain T shirt and black/blue plain shorts. **(required)**

School also recommends a dark plain tracksuit for outdoor PE during the cooler winter months. Sports branded clothing and football kits are not permitted in school for PE lessons or sports clubs. School football kit will be provided to students for competitions.

Uniform Purchase

Specific items of school uniform such as jumpers, cardigans, ties, school book bags and PE bags can be purchased directly from the school uniform suppliers, 'Motif8'.

Name labels

We strongly urge all parents to label all items of their children's clothing as this assists when items of uniform are lost during the day. The suppliers of school uniform will, for a small charge, add a child's initial's in embroidery to a school uniform, jacket or book bag. Only a child's initials may be added to uniform not full names or nicknames.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small (not dangling) ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Watches are also permitted. Earrings and watches must be removed during PE and games on health and safety grounds. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Plasters from home must be sent into school for PE lessons and sports events to cover earrings which cannot be removed for the first six weeks after piercing. School takes no responsibility for their safe keeping.

Hair

- All children are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school.
- Hair must be tied up in PE.
- Large hair adornment such as large bows are not permitted.
- Non-regulation hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

Footwear

- The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this.
- Neither do we allow children to wear coloured trainers to school; black plain trainers are permitted and are in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.
- We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask parents who chose to 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. Parents should 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 Head Teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head Teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years or earlier if necessary.