

A place to learn where everyone feels welcome;  
based on love, wisdom, and respect.



*Let your light shine, so that others may see the good you do.*

Inspired by MATTHEW 5:16.

## 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. A complete list of the items needed for school are outlined below in this policy.

### Aims and objectives

- Our policy is based on the notion 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; it is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents; it has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### ***\*Update to policy to commence September 2024***

*On returning at the start of each academic year, for the month of September only, children can wear either their summer or winter uniforms. All children are required to wear their winter uniform from 1<sup>st</sup> October*

### Uniform list

#### **Winter Uniform (to be worn from 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> March)**

- Pale blue blouse / shirt and school tie.
- Navy v-neck pullover or cardigan with logo or without logo
- Grey skirt/skork, pinafore dress, trousers, or shorts.
- Grey tights or socks.
- Black shoes.
- Reversible waterproof / fleece coat with school logo or plain navy coat with no branding
- Blue knitted school hat with logo or without logo

#### **Summer Uniform (to be worn from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September)**

- Light-blue Gingham check dress or light-blue polo shirt with or without logo.
- Navy v-neck pullover or cardigan with logo or without logo
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirt/skort.
- White socks (with Gingham check dress); it Grey socks (with trousers or shorts); it Black shoes.
- Reversible waterproof / fleece coat with school logo or plain navy coat with no branding
- Blue baseball hat with logo or no logo

#### **Indoor PE Kit**

- Navy shorts or skorts; it White T-shirt with logo; or no logo
- Black pumps.

#### **Outdoor PE Kit**

- Navy shorts or skorts.
- White T-shirt with logo; or no logo
- Navy crew neck sweatshirt with logo; or no logo
- Navy jogging pants.
- Suitable outdoor trainers.

## **NB. Both PE Kits are required**

**NB:** Year 6 children may wear their 'leaver's hoodie' during PE lessons (after their annual residential). On completion of SATs, they may wear them as part of their normal daily uniform.

### **Swimming Kit**

- Shorts or trunks without pockets or a one-piece swimming costume (preferably blue or black).
- A towel and a drawstring bag (blue or black with no logo) to keep wet kit separate from dry clothes.
- A pair of goggles.

### **Forest School**

- Suitable outdoor clothing must be worn, with long sleeve tops and long trousers/leggings
- Outdoor shoes or wellies must be worn, with a change of shoes required to change into
- Hair must be tied up if longer than shoulder length.

### **Naming of Clothing**

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's full name. This cannot be stressed too clearly. We collect a vast amount of unnamed lost property. This will be displayed outside school at the end of each half term for parents to claim any items which have not been collected or are unnamed. Lost property will be put out at school events

### **Equipment**

Pencil cases are not necessary as children are provided with all the relevant equipment in school, e.g. pencils, pens, rulers and rubbers.

School Bags: To avoid congestion in classrooms / cloakrooms, children will need a book bag to carry any personal belongings. No other bag is permitted.

Drawstring bags (blue or black with no logo) will be required for PE kits.

Water bottles are required in school.

### **Jewellery**

- On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small, gold, or silver stud earrings in pierced ears (or those that ears are pierced in), watches and small objects of religious significance.

During PE lessons, stud earrings should be taped over, and the other above-mentioned items must be removed and handed to the teacher for safekeeping.

If a child wears a medical bracelet, it must be covered with a sweatband in order to partake in PE. The same rule applies if a child wants to wear a Fitbit.

### **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. We require all children to wear the types of shoes described in the uniform list. No form of boot is allowed.

### **Makeup**

- Makeup and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours' function, e.g. a school disco.

### **Hairstyles / Hair Ornaments**

- Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. Long hair below the shoulder should be tied back for health and safety reasons. Hair bands, ribbons, bows or scrunchies should be plain and either blue or black.

### **Uniform at church services**

- For all church services (Harvest, Christmas, and Easter), if children are not wearing related costumes, they will be expected to wear their winter uniform.

### **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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair and clearly labelled.
- 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, e.g. 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 additional needs, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with additional needs unfavourably.

### **The Role of Governors**

- The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 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:

- consider, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.
- This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.