



Ready, Respectful, Safe

Uniform Policy

v. September 2024

Date of next review: September 2025

Rationale

We ask that children wear a uniform to school for a number of reasons:

- 1) To encourage a sense of pride in the school community they belong to.
- 2) To foster a sense of belonging to our school family
- 3) To encourage a sense of equality between pupils.

Requirements

It is a school requirement to abide by the uniform policy at all times.

If you would like to purchase a branded uniform, please contact the school office team.

Whilst we do hold some stock throughout the year, we place a large order in July ready for September. We will communicate when this happens and ask that you complete an order form, available from the office, to allow us to be more accurate with the quantities and sizes we need to order. If at any point during the year, your child requires more uniform please speak to the office team and we will either have spare stock for you to purchase or will place a subsequent order however, this might take a bit of time to arrive.

We also keep a small stock of second hand uniform available to purchase however, this is primarily from any donations we receive and therefore stocks are limited and varied. If you would like to donate any uniform please contact the office team who will be happy to help.

Our choice of uniform

We have made our uniform choices so that they are practical and affordable whilst still looking smart and instilling a sense of pride:

Our uniform:

- Forest green sweatshirt or cardigan - branded with school logo or unbranded.
- White polo shirt or white school shirt.
- Black smart trousers or smart shorts
- Black skirt or pinafore with socks or tights
- Green gingham dress, or playsuit, with socks
- Black school shoes (without a heel) or black trainers (plain).

All items of clothing must be clearly named, either with name tags or written in permanent ink on the labels to help us return them to where they belong. Whilst we will always try to find any missing items the **school is not responsible for them and will not replace any lost items.**

PE Kit

PE is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and it is crucial that children have the correct clothing to participate in this safely.

From **Nursery to Year Four** we expect children to bring in a PE kit to be left in school. Children will change for PE under supervision of their teacher in their classrooms. This is to ensure that the children have the skills they need to dress and undress themselves independently and to reduce the necessity for families to buy a number of items of kit.

PE Kit from Nursery to Year 4 is:

- A forest green T-shirt with, or without, the school logo
- (School PE T-shirts can be purchased on parent pay)
- Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Black plimsolls



All items should be sent in a PE bag, labelled with the child's name and class. This will be kept on their peg.

In Year 5 and Year 6, we ask that children come to school in their PE kits. Children must still come in to school looking smart and must be wearing:

- A forest green T-shirt, with or without, the school logo
- A school jumper
- Black, shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms without branding or logos
- Plain, black trainers or plimsolls

Year 6 children are able to purchase a school hoodie (via Parent Pay) **which they may wear on PE days only.**

Jewellery

Jewellery is **not allowed to be worn in school** with the exception of stud earrings if they have pierced ears. However these must be removed for PE lessons. Earrings can be removed by the children, if they are able to do this themselves, or by parents in the morning. **Staff are not allowed to remove children's earrings.**

This stance has been taken in conjunction with the Local Authority Guidance, 2013 which is quoted below:

Where removal of stud earrings is not possible as ears have been pierced and this has been done in school term time and not healed, then parents should be aware that their child may have to *“sit out of certain activities and only be involved in a way which avoids direct, physical participation/”* (LEA Oct 2013).

We **do not** allow the taping up of pierced ears either during or after the healing period.

“If the stud was caught hard enough it could still pierce the tape and penetrate the skin behind the ear. Removal of tape from either stud or small sleeper type jewellery, if not done carefully can cause an injury in itself and some pupils are allergic to ‘elastoplast’ type tape. Taping up of ear-rings for swimming is not allowed as it is not an appropriate safeguard due to the risk of the tape coming off in the water and causing a choking hazard to other swimmers”. (LEA guidance Oct 2013)

“The school should not accept as an alternative to the removal of jewellery, a parent’s/carer’s assurance that he/she will not hold the school liable in the event of an accident/incident. The parent/carer cannot accept liability for injury to the pupils during school activities. This is not allowed by UK or European legislation or Civil Law.” (LEA guidance Oct 2013)

Although watches can be worn, please ensure these are not expensive and do not have the ability to take pictures or recordings e.g Smart watches. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage to any items brought into school.

Hair and Accessories

We strongly encourage children to have long hair tied back. Children should have their natural hair colour and refrain from wearing hair accessories such as large bows, braids or deely-boppers. They should not have tattoo transfers visible.

Enforcement

If a child does not arrive to school in the correct uniform, parents will be contacted initially by the school office and asked to bring in the correct items.



If parents do not bring in the correct items, the child will be given the correct uniform to wear for the day and will be asked to change into this.



At the end of the day they will be asked to change again, leaving the borrowed uniform in school. Parents will be informed that this has happened by the class teacher.