



Uniform Policy

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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, unless deemed not necessary before hand.

Our schools fully endorse the principle that the school uniform should be affordable for everyone, ensuring that no child or family is socially excluded through inability to buy. Accordingly, all items of uniform can be bought 'off the peg' from any high street outlet or supermarket.

Any parent wishing to discuss gender specific details within our policy should contact the Headteacher.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and appropriate for the school working environment
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Helps identify children when out on a school trip
- Is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

School uniform consists of:

- White blouse or polo shirt
- (Y5 & Y6 red polo shirts)
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Red sweatshirt (school logo optional)
- Black low-heeled shoes/boots
- Black/white socks
- Grey/black/red tights
- Red (Rattlesden) sweatshirt, or cardigan, plain or with the school logo.
- Grey or black school trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- Summer red check dress
- Black or navy shoes or sandals for summer. No open toes please
- Sensible black or navy flat boots are acceptable during the winter weather
- Grey or black tights, White, grey or black socks

Items of clothing with the school logo available to order from the school office and website link.

The school aims to cover its costs but does not aim to make a profit. We encourage parents to name all items of clothing with sew-in name tags or indelible pen.

Safety in the Sun

It is our school policy that all children wear a sun hat in hot weather when outside.

PE

For the majority of PE lessons the children are expected to change into:

- Shorts or jogging bottoms, plain navy, black or grey
- T-shirt in 'house' colour
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Tracksuit or jogging bottoms and jumper are required during the winter weather

Hair

It is advisable for long hair to be tied back neatly so it is not in a child's eyes. Simple hairbands or hair ties may be worn (not overly decorative). Children should not have haircuts from the 'extreme' of fashion. Children should not have dyed hair. Boys and girls will be expected to tie their hair back for PE if it is long enough to tie up.

Swimming

During the summer term:

- Girls – one-piece swimsuit
- Boys – swimming trunks (no Bermuda style shorts allowed)
- Swimming cap
- Towel

Everything must be named and in a named bag.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it may be dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we encourage the wearing of trainers to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Jewellery etc.

In the interests of safety children should not wear any jewellery. Children may wear a simple wrist watch. Plain studs are permitted for pierced ears only. However, as no earrings can be worn when taking part in PE or swimming it is suggested on days when PE or swimming are timetabled no earrings should be worn at all. Staff must not remove or replace children's earrings. i.e. children must be able to take studs out themselves. No nail polish in school, please. The children may wear a watch when they can tell the

time. Watches must be simple- they should tell the time only and not have any interactive features that would distract a child during learning time. Basic fitbit devices are acceptable as they are not causing a distraction during lessons. Please discuss this with the class teacher if you are unsure.

Transfer tattoos are not encouraged.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.

The governors will consider, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

The policy, has been endorsed by the Board of Governors.

Playleader Hoodies

Playleaders are provided with a hoodie to wear at playtime to distinguish them from other pupils when leading play events. These hoodies must only be worn at playtimes and will be returned to the school office at the end of the academic year, for future students.