



Cooper and Jordan

*Where light shines!
Matthew 5:16*



School 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 of normal school hours unless specifically stated otherwise.

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers”.

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils’ uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, PE kit, and swimming kit (if appropriate). They must ensure that it is clean, in good repair, the correct size 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 to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. More information on school uniform help can be found on our school website in our school uniform section.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter if this occurs frequently and the school behaviour policy will be used.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

The role of Staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate smart clothing including no jeans or overly casual clothing.

Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. The school behaviour policy may be used in these cases. This can be found on the school website. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform and are presented smartly, staff should give positive encouragement and praise. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Staff are expected to send any found and unclaimed items with no name to lost property, where the children can go to look for lost items of uniform. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling all items with your child's first and last name or initials.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's 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 hard wearing, safe and practical.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds in line with a risk assessment or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Our Uniform:

Our school uniform consists of:

	SCHOOL UNIFORM	PE KIT*
NURSERY:	• Crewneck royal blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with embroidered school badge • Grey joggers, leggings or skirt • Sky blue polo shirt with embroidered school badge • Black shoes - <i>please ensure that your child can fasten them.</i>	• Royal blue shorts • Black pumps
RECEPTION:	• Crew Neck royal blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with embroidered school badge • Sky blue polo shirt with embroidered school badge • Smart grey trousers, shorts or skirt • Girls (summer only) – blue checked dress • Sensible, flat, black shoes – <i>please ensure that your child can fasten them.</i> • White or grey socks (girls may wear tights in winter)	• Royal blue polo shirt or t-shirt with embroidered school badge • Royal blue shorts • Royal blue crew neck sweatshirt or hoody with embroidered school badge • Royal blue joggers – winter • Trainers
Years 1-6	• V-necked royal blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with embroidered school badge • Sky blue shirt • School tie with house colour strip – these can be purchased from the main office • Smart grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore • Girls (summer only) – blue checked dress • Sensible, flat, black shoes – <i>please ensure that your child can fasten them.</i> • White or grey socks (girls may wear tights in winter)	• Royal blue polo shirt or t-shirt with embroidered school badge • Royal blue Shadow stripe shorts • Royal blue crew neck sweatshirt or hoody with embroidered school badge • Royal blue joggers – winter • Trainers

Items without the logo can be a more affordable option and will be allowed if the correct colours are adhered to. These can be found in many leading supermarket chains. Details on how to order uniform items and how to donate or obtain second hand uniforms can be found on our school website under the tab 'parents information' and then by clicking 'school uniform'.

Hair, accessories and jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance which need to be approved by the headteacher. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. If these items cannot be removed they must be covered. The sports coach or class teacher will advise when PE lessons are to take place during the week so earrings can be removed in time. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Wrist watches are permitted however smart watches are not allowed.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain, small and preferably royal blue. Hair bands should not have objects attached to them i.e. flowers/large bows. Make up and nail

varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. This includes stick on/false nails.

Children should not wear hair colouring or hair extensions of any kind. Long hair should be tied back with a bobble in PE and should be away from the face during lesson times so that it does not take focus away from learning. Short hair should be styled smartly with no extreme styles.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn in colder months, these should also be flat and plain black.

Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted. Children should only wear laced shoes if they are able to tie the laces independently.

Adaptations for Weather

In cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear warm coats and jumpers and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves at break times. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days, all children are still expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers) and the headteacher may allow ties to be removed once in school. On snowy days children may be advised to bring in wellies or more suitable footwear for break times.

Monitoring and Review

The leadership team monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents and children, 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.

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