

'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.'
Matthew 7:12



School Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school (other than specified non-school uniform days), 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 our school website.

Aims and objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Is practical and smart.
- Identifies the children within the school.
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, a wrist watch, a signet ring (without a stone) special occasion badges or wrist bands or responsibility badges provided by the school. Wrist watches must not have sound effects, cameras, games or built-in smart technologies. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost or damaged. We ask the children to remove these objects during physical education activities or in the case of ear-rings to cover them with a plaster or tape to prevent them from causing injury. Ear-rings must be removed for swimming lessons. If a child is instructed by a medical professional or member of staff to wear a wrist band, they may do so at all times throughout the school day.

Haircuts/ Headwear

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or brightly-coloured dyed hair that could serve as a distraction to other children. On health and safety grounds we encourage children with long hair to have it tied up using non-decorative bobble, headband or hair grips. Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons such as PE. We do not allow hair extensions.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school; Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. In summer sandals with a back in can be worn.

Summer Wear

In hot weather children are allowed to come to school in summer uniform. Sun visors, sunhats, head scarves and sunglasses are permitted for outside activities. Sun creams and sprays are allowed and must be clearly labelled with the child's name on and must be administered by the children themselves before they go outdoors.

Make up and Cosmetics

We do not permit children to come to school with nail varnish, make up or visible fake/temporary tattoos/skin transfers or false nails

The Role of Parents

We ask for 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. One of the responsibilities of parents is to 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 Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes or jewellery that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. The Headteacher will take account of fashion trends and this is reflected in the policy.

The Role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Our school uniform is:

- Plain royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (available from Premier Sports, Ormskirk.) or
- Plain royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan without school logo (available in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)
- Pale blue polo shirt (available in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers) or
- Pale blue polo shirt with school logo (available from Premier Sports, Ormskirk)
- Grey or black trousers (not leggings)
- Grey or black shorts (not cycling shorts)
- Grey or black skirt, skort, pinafore or tunic.
- Blue checked dress - summer uniform (optional)
- Black shoes or strapped sandals.
- Grey, black or white socks or tights
- Grey or black leggings may be worn under grey or black skirt, skort, pinafore or tunic
- Children in Year 6 may wear a different colour jumper or hoodie which has been chosen by the group and granted by the Headteacher

Items of clothing with designer logos or labels are not allowed

For Physical Education and Sports activities your child will need:

- Round neck plain yellow school P.E. T-shirt with or without school logo (available from Premier Sports, Ormskirk or high street stores)
- Plain royal blue shorts (available in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)
- Black slip on pumps for indoor use and trainers for outside use (available in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)
- Tracksuit for outdoors in cooler weather (available in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)
- Navy blue socks if representing school in a school sporting activity (available in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)
- Swimming wear -full one-piece costume or swimming trunks (available in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)
Swimming cap (available from school, in high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)
- Towel
- PE bag (available from Premier Sports, Ormskirk, high street stores, retail outlets and internet suppliers)

Please note that denim jeans, football shirts or football shorts and clothing with designer logos or labels are not allowed for physical education, sporting activities or outdoor learning activities.

Your child will not be allowed to participate, for health and safety reasons, in Physical Education activities without suitable clothing and footwear

For Outdoor Learning Activities your child will need

- Tracksuit without designer logos or labels
- Warm clothing - coat, hat, jumper etc without designer logos or labels
- Wellingtons (ideally sent to school in a named bag)

Labelling

Please label all clothing and footwear

Nursery children

Uniform for our nursery children is not compulsory

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 or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, 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;
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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