

URSULA TAYLOR C OF E SCHOOL



UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children 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:

- All children wear the correct uniform to school
- Children feel proud to belong to the school
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school

It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with appropriate footwear. The school prospectus provides parents/carers with full details and prices of the uniform to be worn. Most items of uniform can be purchased from the school office – see details below. We are happy for jumpers/cardigans to be purchased from other places. The children do not have to have jumpers with our logo on, although they are preferable.

Second-hand items are occasionally available via the school office or the PTFA at prices to be agreed.

If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers.

If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (e.g. unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, etc.) then the school will contact parents to bring in something alternative to wear. If parents are unable to provide something suitable the school will provide uniform for the child to wear for the day. NB Jeans, tracksuits, high-heeled shoes/boots, football shirts, shirts with large slogans/logos etc. are **not** acceptable school wear. (Unless the school is having a charity 'Mufti-Day'.)

PE kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends or holidays for washing.

If a child does not have their PE kit in school, a letter is sent home to the parents/carers.

Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.

The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform. The staff does their best to ensure items are found if misplaced, however, the school cannot be held responsible for items of lost clothing and will not replace any items lost.

There are baskets for lost property located in the corridor near the Computer Suite. Any items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of or donated to the 'Bags to School' charity fundraiser.

If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (e.g. health or religious grounds) then the governors will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer.

Uniform details:

Winter:

- Red sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper either school issued with a logo or plain
Plain white or red polo shirt, white shirt or blouse
- Grey trousers or skirt/ Pinafore dress
- White/black socks or tights (**NOT** brightly coloured or patterned)
- Black shoes (not trainers) In the Winter months, black boots for girls to wear with tights are acceptable. They **MUST** be black, plain and having a low heel. Plimsoll style shoes or pumps are not acceptable for the winter months; they do not provide the warmth or protection that children need.
- A tracksuit and trainers is also required for outdoor activities during the colder months.
- Year 3 and 4 must have a pair of wellington boots in school for wearing whilst on the school field.
- Hair bands/bobbles/clips must be small, and as plain as possible. (**No** flowers, hairbands with large bows, or highly decorated clips etc.) Long hair must be tied back at all times and in a simple style.
- Warm coat plus hat, scarf and gloves for inclement weather.

Summer:

- As above or red/white checked dress or black/grey shorts
- Shoes must be black and have closed toes and heels for safety.
- A fold up waterproof is very useful

PE Kit:

- Plain white T-shirt or school polo shirt, plain navy/black shorts, trainers or plimsolls
- A swimming kit (Swimsuit/Trunks/swimming hat/Towel/Flip flops) is required for the Summer Term.

Jewellery

On Health and Safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. This includes charity wrist bands (although an exception is made when we are selling the charity bands at school for the specific day - e.g. Remembrance Day etc.)

The only jewellery that is acceptable is stud earrings. (NOT large, decorative earrings or dangling earrings of any sort). We ask the children to remove studs during PE lessons or, if they cannot be removed, to cover them with a plaster brought in from home. This is to prevent them from causing injury. We cannot allow any child to swim if they are wearing earrings.

Watches are acceptable if they are small and plain. They are the responsibility of the child and the school cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss.

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