

Uniform Policy

Rationale

This policy has been compiled after gathering feedback from across our school community.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. This is because we believe a school uniform promotes a sense of belonging which strengthens the fellowship of our community. We encourage children to show aspiration whilst wearing their school uniform and take a pride in their personal appearance. We also believe the school uniform reflects our inclusive approach and Christian value of love and respect. It is also important for a school uniform to be comfortable and practical so that our children can be active learners who persevere in order to grow and flourish.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of royal blue and grey. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in AF Joy, North Street, Wareham or online at: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/WoolCEVAPrimarySchoolBH206BT>

We also liaise with our PTFA who host second hand uniform collection and selling events throughout the school year.

Main Uniform

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress, shorts/trousers or ^blue gingham dress (^summer term only)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo *
- Royal blue polo T-shirt with school logo*
- Plain white, black or grey socks
- Plain grey tights
- Plain black, flat, school shoes that can be polished (not boots)
- Book bag*

P.E. Kit

- Navy/black shorts; leggings/joggers
- Royal blue crew neck T-Shirt with school logo*
- Trainers
- Plain sports jumper/hoody if you would like (not essential)

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, watches and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Alternatively, children can use suitable tape to cover studs. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and should not have large decorative items attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes (not trainers). The material of the shoes should be one which can be polished. We advise parents/carers to purchase shoes with buckle or Velcro fastenings if their child is not yet able to tie laces independently.

The Role of Parents/Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit. This forms part of the Home/School Agreement which we ask all families to sign at the start of the academic year.

A child's uniform should be in good condition and the child's name needs to be written on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Children eligible for Pupil Premium funding will be entitled to assistance with purchasing items of uniform with logos. A Uniform Grant Voucher will be issued to any eligible families (see Pupil Premium Funding Strategy for further details).

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 that differ from the 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.

Staff will send home a reminder slip if they see that a child is not wearing the correct uniform. We expect parents/carers to respect this reminder and strive to ensure the child wears the correct school uniform immediately. The Headteacher will speak to parents/carers directly if staff concerns are sustained over a period of time.

The Role of the Local Governing Body

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.