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School Uniform

Dear Parents

It has become apparent lately that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform. A school uniform is a standardised set of clothing. The purpose of uniforms is to promote a sense of team unity, maintain equality among individuals, reduce peer pressure and create a professional, neat and tidy appearance.

There recently has been a lot of nail varnish, false nails, base layer clothing, leggings, cycling shorts, multi-coloured trainers, named sports jackets and trainers instead of shoes.

Children should only be wearing their PE kits on their PE days unless authorised.

Can I ask all parents to support the school in maintaining a tidy appearance. I have recently had many comments from visitors and parents around our children looking mismatched.

The school uniform policy is overleaf for anyone that is unsure.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

KScott

Mrs K. Scott

Head teacher

School Uniform/Dress Code 2023-2024

Please mark all items clearly with your child's name. Any lost clothes unless clearly marked will be placed in lost property at the entrance. It is not schools responsibility to look after children's clothes.

All year: Purple blazer with school badge. Blue/purple school tie. Black school shoes with low heel. **No trainers or white sandals.** No mobile phones are allowed on the school premises. Any phones must be handed in at the office.

Jewellery: a small wrist watch and stud earrings. Children are allowed their ears pierced however, they are not allowed long earrings. All earrings must be small studs, gold or silver in colour, no other colours are accepted. Children and parents take responsibility for the earrings and school will not be held accountable if earrings are lost or damaged. Children must take earrings out for swimming. Your child will not be permitted to swim in the pool wearing earrings. This is a requirement of the swimming baths.

Girls: pale blue polo shirt/blouse; Blue/purple school tie, grey pinafore dress; grey skirt knee length or below; grey trousers: grey jumper/cardigan; grey or white three-quarter length socks; plain grey tights may be worn in winter.

Summer term: summer dresses - mauve or blue gingham; white socks. No white cardigans.

Children can wear their own coats; they are not permitted to wear denim or leather jackets and we ask for sensible coats to be worn in appropriate colours, preferably dark or purple coats, school coats can be purchased.

Boys: pale blue shirt or polo shirt; Blue/purple school tie, grey trousers, long or short; grey jumper/cardigan; grey socks.

Summer term: summer polo shirts – blue with school badge or plain blue, grey trousers, long or short; grey jumper/cardigan; grey socks.

Children can wear their own coats; they are not permitted to wear denim or leather jackets and we ask for sensible coats to be worn in appropriate colours, preferably dark or purple coats, school coats can be purchased.

P. E. Kit

Purple polo shirt or purple t-shirt with school badge, black shorts and black or white socks; dark trainers or white trainers; no full coloured or fluorescent trainers or 'converse' type footwear; black tracksuit – two styles available from Monkhouse. Children are **not** permitted to wear designer tracksuits or labelled tracksuits. Leggings and cycling shorts are **not** permitted as part of the uniform.

Bags/Pencil Cases

Children can use a school bag or a small bag of their choice. Rucksacks or large bags are not permitted in school. Children only need a bag for books and homework. They are not allowed pencil cases in school. All equipment is provided.

Appearance

Hair: conventional, neat hair styles and conventional colour. Long hair must be tied back. Bobbles in school colours or plain elastic band to tie back hair. No 'extreme' hairstyle with regard to length, colour or style is allowed, e.g. braids. No make-up of any kind is allowed. No nail varnish or false nails.

Interpretations of 'neat, tidy, conventional' etc may differ. In all cases, the final decision as to whether jewellery, a hairstyle, clothing item, way of wearing uniform etc is in line with the school's dress code rests with the leadership team, not with individual pupils and parents.

Parents and pupils are asked to support the school's standards. The school expects the children to do their very best to wear the correct uniform and take pride in it. Our uniform is smart and the requirements are reasonable.