

Christ's Light Shines Through Our Learning School Uniform Policy

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Date of review: January 2025.

Signed (Headteacher):

Signed (Chair of Governors)

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school 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 with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting;
- 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.

Our uniform consists of:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan (can be embroidered with the school logo);
- Black/Grey trousers, skirt or shorts;
- White/ Blue polo shirt (can be embroidered with the school logo);
- Gingham/Checked blue dress in summer

Sports/Games Kit:

- White round neck tee-shirt (can be embroidered with the school logo);
- Black shorts

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are newly pierced earring studs. We ask the children or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Once the 6 week period of new piercing is over we ask that the earrings be removed during the school day.

Footwear

We require all children to wear pre-dominantly black shoes.

Hairstyles

'Extreme' hairstyles are not encouraged. We will work in partnership with parents/carers in ensuring that a reasonable standard of presentation is maintained.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct school uniform and sports/games kit, and that it is clean and in good repair - labelled with child's name.

The role of governors

The governing body implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.