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| Policy Title | UNIFORM POLICY |
| Committee responsible | Ethos & Curriculum |
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| Next review due | April 2026 |
| Who is governed by this policy | All pupils at the school |
| Available on website | YES |

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is comfortable, practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, easy to clean and good value for money, by most parents, and has been designed with health and safety for active learning in mind.

Our colours are navy blue, grey and white and the uniform is as follows:

- School logo sweatshirt or logo cardigan / plain navy sweatshirt / plain navy jumper / plain navy cardigan
- Plain white polo shirt
- Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore
- Blue and white checked dress / playsuit (Summer)
- Plain grey / navy / white socks
- Plain grey / navy tights
- Black sensible shoes (no ankle boots or long boots)
- Open-toe sandals may be worn in the Summer at your child's own risk. Sandals should be supportive of the foot and in school colours.

For PE all children need

- House coloured t-shirt – Houses will be allocated within the first half term of Reception year. The school office will keep a stock of sizes in the house colours for purchase (all Reception children are provided with a T-shirt, free of charge when they start school)
- Plain navy shorts
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms / leggings
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Spare pair of sports socks (not Reception class) – tights are not to be worn for PE
- PE bag large enough to hold the above items only

For swimming lessons only

- Swimming costume (**not** a bikini) for girls
- Trunks (**not** long shorts) for boys
- Towel
- Swimming hat for long hair
- Waterproof bag to hold the above items

Forest School

You will be asked to provide the following items when your child starts the Forest School programme. Clothes need to be old as we do not intend to stay clean! To allow the pupils to participate fully the correct clothing is essential for Forest School.

All children will need to bring:

- Wellingtons / sturdy walking boots
- long trousers / long sleeved top
- jumper / sweatshirt
- waterproof coat and trousers
- hat, gloves and thick socks in Autumn / Winter months
- sun hat and sun cream in Summer

For safety reasons if your child is not wearing the appropriate clothing on the day, they will not be able to participate.

Optional items

- Summer cap
- An old shirt, t-shirt or painting apron for painting or craft activities
- Wellington boots / old trainers for use on the school field when it is muddy

Jewellery

- Small watch (a fitbit / step tracker is permitted but watches must **not** be smart watches with any GPS or camera functionality)
- Small stud earrings (please provide tape to cover stud earrings that cannot be removed during PE)

Make up and Cosmetics

- No make-up, transfer tattoos, hair dye or nail varnish are considered necessary (unless the Head has given specific permission for an event)

Hair

- Hairbands, clips and toggles should be plain and in keeping with the school colours
- Long hair should always be tied back to avoid the spread of head lice

School bags / book bags

- Navy book bags as children join in Reception are available from our supplier
- School bags need to be small (to fit a lunch box and pencil case inside along with a couple of school books / reading books) – large school bags will not fit on the coat pegs

All clothing, footwear and equipment should be clearly labelled with your child's name.