

School Uniform Policy

Holy Trinity CE Primary School

To Flourish and Grow.



Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. This school policy was originally written and agreed in conjunction with the School Council and Parent Council (2019-20).

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is 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, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these during PE and games as the use of tape is not supported by Essex County Council.

A small watch is allowed, but they must not be of a Smartphone variety. Analogue or basic digital watches are preferred. Fitness trackers are permitted as long as not as part of a 'Smartwatch'

Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children (e.g. extreme cuts and coloured hair). Hair which is shoulder length or longer must always be tied back for school, not just during PE. Headbands, scrunchies and clips are allowed, but must be simple and plain and in school colours only. No large bows, bobbles or hair accessories to be worn in school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear open toed sandals in the summer so such footwear is not permitted, neither are wedge-heeled shoes, sling-backs or flip flop style footwear. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. School shoes must be plain black, no coloured markings. Boots

should not be worn in school. Wellington boots or a change of footwear are permitted for outdoor break times in wet weather.

School Caps

On all school trips, pupils must wear a plain red or school logoed cap. This enables us to swiftly identify pupils from our school when we are in public areas. Even if a child is wearing a school jumper, it is more helpful to also have the pupils wearing a school cap. The school believes this to be an appropriate safety measure. This is a non-negotiable expectation for any visit that children attend where uniform is not worn (e.g. beach day and KS2 residential).

School Logo Items

The school requests that each child own at least one logoed jumper or cardigan. School appreciates that these clothing items are more expensive than supermarket plain jumpers, and so has the following expectation:

During special events where the school is represented (e.g. a school trip, special assembly or church service, school photos etc.) that all children wear the official logoed red top if possible. During every day school-life a logoed jumper is not expected.

Presentation Rules and Expectations

The school expects all shirts and polo tops to be tucked in. Jumpers must be worn appropriately. No jumpers should be tied around waists or slung over shoulders. Trousers and skirts must be standard school issue. No jogging bottoms, leggings or tight jersey skirts are permitted.

In the winter months a red fleece jacket can be worn in place of a sweatshirt. In the summer term and for the first half of autumn term (until October half term break), tailored shorts and red and white gingham dresses can be worn. Nail varnish and make-up are not permitted.

The Role of School

The school will provide praise and reward for pupils attending school in the correct school uniform. This may be in the form of Marvellous Me badges or celebration certificates.

Pupils who do not come to school in the correct uniform (including PE kits) will receive one verbal reminder. On the second occasion, a message will be sent home to parents with a reminder of the uniform policy. A third incident of wearing the wrong uniform will result in parents being asked to attend a meeting to discuss. The school will support with school uniform if a need is presented.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head of School. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with

disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head of School in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on 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

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Head of School any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Head of School to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier, if considered necessary.

Appendix 1

Uniform List

Boys:

Grey trousers or grey tailored shorts
White shirt or polo shirt
Red sweatshirt or V-neck jumper
White or grey socks
Flat black shoes (not trainers, boots or sandals)

Girls:

Grey skirt or pinafore
Grey trousers or grey tailored shorts
Red and white gingham summer dresses (no playsuits)
White blouse/shirt or polo shirt
Red sweatshirt, cardigan or V-neck jumper
Grey, or white socks/winter tights
Flat black shoes (not trainers, boots or sandals)

Boys/Girls PE:

Indoor –Round necked plain T-shirt in house colour
Black shorts
Black plimsolls (non-marking soles)

Outdoor – Tracksuit or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt in black
Trainers – any colour.

Red or logoed school cap for trips or during summer months outdoors.

Trousers: These should be tailored school trousers not leggings or jogging bottoms.

Skirts: These should be knee length and not tight-fitting jersey material. .

Uniform stockists:

Uniform with our school logo can be ordered from: [Holy Trinity C of E Primary School Uniform](#)

Second Hand Uniform:

At the end of every academic year, our PTFA will provide an opportunity to purchase uncollected items from our 'lost property' along with donated school uniform.

A second-hand uniform shop is also available at the Colchester Foodbank: 3 Tollgate Retail Park, Tollgate W, Colchester CO3 8RG