

Colmers Farm Primary School's

Uniform Policy



Rights Respecting Schools' Article/s

Article 8 – I have the rights to an identity

Article 15 – I have the right to meet friends and join groups

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Introduction

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. We ask children to wear their polo-shirts/ shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. School uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents/ carers are READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE, in line with our whole-school ethos.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the Colmers Farm Primary School logo on, whilst alternative plain (non-logo) items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. **Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing their school. As a school we are mindful of costs and we therefore allow our children to wear uniforms with or without school logos.** A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and Forest School, is included in this policy.

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers”.

This policy has been created in consultation with parents and pupils.

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils’ uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, Nail Varnish and Headscarves

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child’s class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or ‘scrunchies’ should be plain and either red, white, navy or black. Hair bands should not have objects attached to them such as flowers. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Pupils are free to wear a headscarf at Colmers Farm if they wish to. These must however be plain and either white, navy or black. Headscarves of the type which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable. Longer headscarves are not permitted for safety reasons.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

Pupils can bring trainers into school, to change into for break periods. Pupils must however change back into shoes before re-entering the school building at the end of break periods.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

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 our 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.

The Role of Staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing (including on trips – no jeans). **Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. A letter may also be sent home to parents regarding this.** Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents 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.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Discipline

The Headteacher has the authority to discipline students for not wearing correct school uniform. In extreme cases, a student could be excluded for persistently failing to follow the school uniform policy. It is our intention to explore all alternatives, through consultation and discussion with parents/carers, to avoid this sanction being taken.

If a student arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. Parents/Carers will be contacted. Should the problem persist, parents/carers may be invited into school to discuss the situation.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Help Providing Uniform

The Rubery Schools Community Swop Shop provides free 'preloved' items of second hand school uniforms to families who may require these. As well as uniforms, they can also provide PE kits, shoes, coats and forest school clothing if required. Please visit <https://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk> for further information.

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 Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

Policy Information

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School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of red, navy and grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below can be bought with the school logo on if preferred. Uniform with logos on can be purchased from Kids Essentials in Northfield.

Our school uniform is gender neutral and consists of the following:

EYFS and Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)	Key Stage Two (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
Red polo shirt Red Book bag *	White <u>shirt or blouse</u> (<i>not polo-shirts</i>) Plain navy / black school bag * Tie (in years 5 and 6) – The first of these will be provided by the school for children in Year 5 and for new children in Years 5 and 6. Lost/damaged ties will need to be purchased from the school office.
All Children	
<p>Grey or black skirt / pinafore dress / shorts / trousers (<i>not jogging bottoms</i>) Please note skirts and tailored shorts should be a <u>minimum of knee length</u> and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor. Three-quarter, calf-length and full-length leggings should not be worn.</p> <p>Red & white checked or striped dresses</p> <p>Navy blue sweatshirt* or cardigan*, <i>without a hood</i>, either plain or with the school logo</p> <p>Plain white / black socks</p> <p>Black, navy or grey tights</p> <p>Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school, <i>not trainers</i>. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black.</p> <p>Head scarfs must be black, white or navy and plain (no patterns or sparkles)</p>	
Forest School (to be kept at school) EYFS, Year 1, Year 2,	
<p>Plain navy or black jogging bottoms</p> <p>Wellies and appropriate socks</p> <p>Small pump bag *</p>	
P.E. (to be kept at school) <i>Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons)</i> All Children	
<p>Plain navy or black shorts</p> <p>Red t-shirt * (<i>no football shirts</i>)</p> <p>For PE appropriate footwear is essential: plain trainers (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KS1) or plimsolls should be worn. Please note these will be kept at school.</p> <p>Small pump bag *</p>	

Visual uniform examples

Acceptable	Unacceptable
	
	

(Please note that this is not an exhaustive list, if you have any specific questions please ask.)



P.E. Kit



EYFS and KS1 polo-shirts



KS2 shirts



Navy cardigan and jumper



School skirt and trousers



Pinafore and summer dresses



Bookbag



Tailored school shorts