



Uffculme Primary School – School Uniform Policy

Introduction

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school in identifying individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in this policy and on our website.

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.

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.

The role of governors

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

The role of staff

Staff support the uniform policy and will challenge children who do not arrive in full school uniform. They are also able to help with finding spare uniform for children who need to borrow and helping parents locate lost, named items.(where possible).

Equality

This policy is to be considered in line with our Equality Duty (published separately) and we will ensure that at all times we will seek to promote equal opportunities and good race relations, avoiding discrimination against anyone for reasons of ethnicity, disability or gender or any other protected characteristic. Action will be taken in cases of harassment and discrimination.

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. However, we will try to ensure this is only a minor adaptation and fits in with the main colour scheme. 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.

Our School Uniform

- Red V jumper or cardigan with the school logo – available from school;
- White collared shirt, long or short sleeved.
- Uffculme Back and red school tie (either self-tying to elasticated)
- Black school trousers for boys and girls – not joggers or leggings - available from other retailers; proper school shorts may be worn in hot weather.
- Black skirts or pinafores for the girls - available from other retailers;
- Red check dresses for the girls in the summer - available from other retailers;
- White or black tights; black or white socks;
- Flat, sensible black shoes suitable for active play.

The uniform with logos from our supplier is priced very reasonably and we have specifically chosen an affordable supplier.

Outdoor clothing

Children should wear showerproof, jacket-style coats, during the winter months to cope with the varying weather conditions.

PE Uniform:

- Black shorts
- Red polo or T-shirt
- Black sweatshirt / joggers for outdoor winter wear
- Rain jacket for bad weather
- Trainers
- For Reception/Year 1, plimsolls or Velcro-fastening shoes

P.E. and Games Kit

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls should be worn, or bare feet for gymnastics only. All items of PE clothing should be identified with the child's name. Children who go swimming need a towel, swimming trunks / shorts or one-piece costume, carried in a waterproof bag.

Property

Parents should label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name. If items are named the school will attempt to search for lost items.

Bags and belongings

All children are expected to use a school book bag for carrying their reading books, pencils and belongings in from Reception to Year 5. Children in Year 6 may bring a rucksack to school however excessively large bags should not be brought into school.

Jewellery and Fashion Items

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We expect the children to remove them during PE and games.

Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel and jewellery other than stud earrings should not be worn. Parents should also be aware that tattoos are not permitted.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair on both girls and boys, should be tied back neatly. Extreme hairstyles, shaved lines into the head or colours are not permitted.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We expect all children to wear safe and sensible black shoes to school. Girl's boots are deemed as fashion items and are not considered as part of our school uniform.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

When joining our school we ask you to recognise that we are a 'school uniform' school and commit to providing a smart school uniform. If children come in to school in inappropriate clothing (including non-uniform or variations of the uniform) they will be spoken to by staff and will be provided with a spare uniform. If non-wearing of the uniform is persistent then parents will be involved.

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