



School Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

1.1 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. The uniform is described in Appendix A.

1.2 We expect children to take pride in their personal appearance.

2. Aims and objectives

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

3. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Makeup and Nail Varnish

3.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

3.2 Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings and therefore if a child can't remove them themselves they will be covered with surgical tape.

3.3 Functional hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain blue. Hair ornaments should not be worn. Makeup and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

3.4 Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

4. Footwear

4.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list.

4.2 Boots are not permitted as they prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor. Children should change into their school shoes on arrival at school if they need to wear boots to walk to school.

5. The Role of Parents

5.1 Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit each day, and that it is clean, in good repair and labelled with the child's name.

5.2 If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they should ask to speak to a senior member of staff in confidence. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

5.3 Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform items may be expected to wear 'spare' school items for the day.

5.4 Children without the appropriate PE kit may also be expected to wear 'spare' school items.

5.5 The school is committed to being fully inclusive. If there are serious reasons, for example, medical or religious grounds, why parents would want their child to wear a non-uniform item they should make a request in writing to the headteacher, providing evidence for the reason where necessary. All requests will be considered sympathetically.

6. The Role of Staff

6.1 All staff are responsible for upholding the school uniform policy and advising pupils when to remove items such as jewellery or hair accessories or find alternative items for them to wear.

6.2 The pupil administrator is responsible for maintaining a 'bank' of pre-worn school uniform items that may be shared with those in need.

7. The Role of Governors

7.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning best value and equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

8. Monitoring and Review

8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work 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;

Appendix A - School Uniform List

Jumpers, cardigans and ties are available from Riviera Schooldays only - substitutes, even of the same colour or design, are not permitted.

Official Grey jumper or cardigan *Only available from Riviera Schooldays.*
Our Lady of the Angels grey V-neck jumper or cardigan with stripe and logo.

Official Tie *Only available from Riviera Schooldays.*
Our Lady of the Angels tie.

White Shirts are compulsory from Y1

Plain, white, collared shirt

No logos, designs or patterns are permitted.

Short sleeve or $\frac{3}{4}$ arm length versions may be worn.

Children in Reception may wear a white polo shirt without a tie.

Grey Trousers, shorts or skirts

All trousers, shorts and skirts should be dark grey - NOT BLACK.

Children in Reception and KS1 only may wear pinafores if preferred.

All skirts should have at least one pleat. Pencil skirts or skirts with splits are not permitted.

Skirts, pinafores, trousers and shorts that are made from a stretchy material e.g. cotton jersey are not permitted.

Summer dress (Summer months only)

A blue (not navy) gingham dress or playsuit may be worn during the summer months but must revert back to winter uniform by the October half term.

Black leather or faux leather shoes

Must be shoe design only, with slip-on, Velcro or lace fastenings and flat heels.

Boots, sandals or trainers are not permitted.

The footwear must be entirely black throughout, including sole, uppers, stitching and any piping. No logos or designs are permitted.

Plain socks/tights

All socks and tights must be plain black or plain grey. White socks may be worn with skirts or summer dresses.

Leggings or 'footless tights' are not permitted as a substitute for tights.

PE Kit

Children should wear a minimum of a plain white polo shirt and black shorts with black plimsolls or trainers.

An optional white polo shirt with a logo is available from Riviera Schooldays which makes it easier to identify children when they are representing the school but this is not compulsory.

Trainers are encouraged rather than plimsolls as they provide better support during physical activity.

Bookbags and PE Bags

These are available to purchase at Riviera Schooldays in the school colours but are not compulsory.