

Policy for School Uniform

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A uniform helps to develop a sense of belonging to the school and prevents competition and additional costs. We have found that wearing school colours supports us in maintaining our high standards of behaviour. For health and safety reasons children must have a change of clothes for PE. Please contact the Head of School if you need help to fund the uniform or if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Uniform

item	description	additional notes
top	red sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper	- ideally with logo
shirt	white, grey, black or red short sleeved polo shirt or white shirt	- ideally with logo
trousers / skirt / dress	grey / black trousers / shorts; or grey / black knee-length skirt or pinafore dress; or red / white checked / striped dress	- no black jeans, cords or leggings
socks / tights	plain white / grey / red / black socks; or plain white / grey / red / black tights	- should be a plain, block colour - white / grey / black / red leggings worn instead of tights are acceptable
footwear	black / white / grey / brown footwear (these should be plain, flat)	- avoid expensive brands - choose shoes that are safe to run around for healthy playtimes (avoid open-toes / straps)
	<i>PE pumps (see below) are sometimes needed in times of very bad weather</i>	
	no additional layers should be clearly visible eg polo necks under uniform	

PE kit

item	description	additional notes
t-shirt	indoor: plain white t-shirt (long or short sleeved) outdoor: as above, plus fleece / warm top	- this should be a round-necked top, not a collared polo-shirt (must not be same shirt as that worn in class) - t-shirts with school logo are available
shorts	black shorts / PE skirt	
tracksuit bottoms	black tracksuit bottoms / leggings	ideal for outdoor use
footwear	indoor: pumps / trainers outdoor: trainers	- trainers could be the same as those worn to school

Supplier: School uniform can be purchased from various suppliers – ask at the school office if you're unsure.

Additional notes

All clothing should be clearly labelled. We gather lots of lost property – please help us to reduce this amount!

Other items: Other items of school equipment are available. These include a book bag, PE bag and a separate bag for packed lunch. Water bottles should be plastic/metal, labelled, and regularly cleaned.

Hair: Long hair should be tied back (this is so that it does not distract from learning and for hygiene reasons). Hairstyles should not be attention seeking eg extreme styles such as sculptured names / symbols, mohicans or dyed hair are neither appropriate or acceptable for children of primary school age. This includes eyebrows. Hair accessories should be minimal: as small as possible and not too bright.

Jewellery and other accessories: Regarding jewellery, only plain stud earrings (no more than 4mm wide) and items that are absolutely required by a religion are allowed. A watch or step counter is allowed – please avoid expensive items and those that might distract. Advisors recommend no earrings are worn for PE; therefore, we will ask your child to remove earrings before the lesson and put them back in after the lesson. This will be carried out by the child. If they are unable to remove or put their earrings back in by themselves, they must not wear them on the day they have PE.

Make-up: No make-up, including nail varnish, and no temporary tattoos.

Bags: For reasons of space, please restrict bags to small backpacks / shoulder bags; handbags aren't appropriate.

Religious requirements and race equality: We follow local authority advice in such matters (eg *Valuing Diversity; Awareness Raising for Schools* document). Sikhs are traditionally required to wear a bangle and boys to cover their hair, which is left uncut, secured in a top-knot or turban. Where safety is an issue, pupils will be asked to tape them to the skin or wear a sweatband.

Non-uniform days: Pupils should dress appropriately and respectfully for school, even on non-uniform days. Clothes are inappropriate if they, for example, glorify violence, feature bad language, are very short (eg crop tops), or relate to age-inappropriate topics (eg computer games). When consulted (18.03.21), some junior leaders described this as 'setting appropriate' clothing and clothing that is 'well-judged'.

Make-up (other than face paints as part of a specific costume) is not allowed.

Flip-flops or high-heeled shoes are not allowed, even on non-uniform days, because they're dangerous when running.