

# 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
<b>top</b>	red sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper	- ideally with logo
<b>shirt</b>	white, grey, black or red short sleeved polo shirt or white shirt	- ideally with logo
<b>trousers / skirt / dress</b>	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
<b>socks / tights</b>	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
<b>footwear</b>	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
<b>t-shirt</b>	<b>indoor:</b> plain white t-shirt (long or short sleeved) <b>outdoor:</b> 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
<b>shorts</b>	black shorts / PE skirt	
<b>tracksuit bottoms</b>	black tracksuit bottoms / leggings	ideal for outdoor use
<b>footwear</b>	<b>indoor:</b> pumps / trainers <b>outdoor:</b> trainers	- trainers could be the same as those worn to school

## 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:

- Book bag
- PE bag
- Separate bag for packed lunch (if not school dinners)
- Water bottle – any plastic water bottle, labelled, is encouraged for health reasons, but these should be regularly cleaned or replaced

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

**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 make-up:** Items that are absolutely required by a religion are allowed. Other jewellery is limited to a plain watch (avoid expensive watches) and plain stud earrings (no more than 4mm wide). Advisors recommend **no** earrings are worn for PE (*Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity*, Association for Physical Activity, 2016); 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. 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 topknot or turban. Where safety is an issue, pupils will be asked to tape them to the skin or wear a sweatband.

**Non-uniform days:** Occasionally, we have non-uniform days. Pupils should dress appropriately; revealing clothes, high-heeled shoes and make-up are not appropriate, even on non-uniform days.