

Uniform Policy

We choose to provide a uniform for our school because:

- It gives identity and a sense of 'belonging' to our pupils
- Children wearing school uniform are easily identifiable when out on trips
- It allows parents to provide one set of clothing for school
- It avoids children seeking to wear the latest fashion for school

Our uniform is compulsory. It consists of:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, either plain or with the school logo
- Black or grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore. Jeans are not part of the school uniform
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Sensible black shoes or trainers
- School dresses (dark or pale blue checks or stripes) in summer
- PE kit: plain white T shirt, navy blue or black shorts, leggings or jogging pants, plimsolls or trainers
- Please see Appendix 1 for details of specific adjustments to uniform for Muslim girls

All uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name. The school does not accept responsibility for the loss of unmarked items of clothing.

Jumpers and cardigans with the school logo can be purchased from Price and Buckland at <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/edalerise>

All items in our uniform policy can be purchased from shops such as Tesco, Asda, Morrison's, Sainsbury's, Matalan, and Next.

Jewellery:

- Hair accessories should be muted colours whenever possible
- Children should not wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are sensible watches and small stud earrings in children with pierced ears.
- Hoop earrings are discouraged on Health and Safety grounds.
- On days when children are having PE or swimming, all jewellery should be removed
- Children arriving with jewellery will be asked to remove it and give it into safekeeping at the office until the end of the school day. It may then be collected at the end of the day.

Items of jewellery worn for religious reasons are not encouraged in school. Parents should discuss this matter with the Headteacher. In these cases, health and safety issues will always be the primary consideration. If worn for PE, such items should be taped to the skin.

Footwear:

Children should wear sensible black shoes or trainers for school. Shoes with high heels, flip flops and strappy sandals are not allowed on Health and Safety grounds.

Swimming, PE and Games:

- All children should bring navy blue or black shorts and a plain white T shirt for indoor PE. For outdoor games in colder weather, dark leggings or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt should be worn.
- All children must have trainers or plimsolls for outdoor Games. Indoor games are done in bare feet.
- Children attending swimming lessons must bring a sensible one piece swimming costume or trunks (no bikinis or Bermuda shorts) and a towel on the day of their lesson.
- Hair should be tied back on swimming and PE days for Health and Safety reasons.
- All jewellery should be removed by parents on days when their child is going swimming or having PE.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- It is the responsibility of the staff and Governing Body to monitor and review this policy.
- It is the role of all staff to monitor and uphold this policy on a day to day basis.

Appendix 1: Uniform for Muslim girls

Following consultation with the parents of Muslim girls, these amendments have been made to the 'Uniform Policy':

- KS2 girls may choose to wear headscarves for school, provided they are navy blue or black and without adornment or decoration. Headscarves should be removed for PE, on Health and Safety grounds.
- Muslim girls may wear a tunic (sleeved or sleeveless with a shirt or white or navy blue polo neck sweater underneath) with trousers for school. These should be navy blue or grey. Parents may choose to make their own tunics but should note that only plain navy blue or grey fabric should be used.

The wearing of headscarves is not encouraged for Key Stage One and Foundation Stage girls on the following grounds:

- Possible impact on learning (listening to specific sounds for phonics may be more difficult with headscarves)
- Health and Safety (more active curriculum, with more risks of scarves being caught or pulled)
- Comfort of individual girls, who may find it difficult to manage their headscarves

Parents who wish their daughter to wear headscarves for religious reasons in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One should discuss this with the Headteacher.

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