

Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery



School Uniform and Equipment Policy

Introduction

Each school decides its uniform. In making decisions about our school uniform policy we have referred to the Department of Education (DfE) documents 'School Uniform' (November 2021) and 'Cost of school uniforms' (November 2021).

At Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery it is our policy that **all** children, from Nursery to Year 6 inclusive, are required to wear our school uniform when attending our school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours unless otherwise instructed. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform at our school as an Appendix to this policy.

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 parents/carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do **not** allow children to wear jewellery in our school, this includes necklaces, chains, bangles, rings etc. The exceptions to this rule are **one, small (no larger than 0.5 cm in diameter) pair of ear-ring studs for pierced ears**, one stud in each ear, however, children must remove these objects during PE activities (such as, but not exclusively, dance, gymnastics, games, swimming).

If you are having your child's ears pierced we strongly recommend that this is done at the start of the Summer holiday period. This gives your child's ears sufficient time to 'heal' to a point where they can safely remove earrings for P.E. activities.

Wrist watches may be worn once the child can tell the time. The design of these watches should not be extreme or 'gimmicky' e.g. Spider Man, Ben 10 etc. Smart watches with a camera function or cellular connectivity should not be worn unless connectivity can be turned off whilst on site.

Where any item of 'jewellery' is worn for medical, religious or cultural reasons this must be discussed on your child's admission to school.

The school accepts **no responsibility** for any item of jewellery worn in school, as our best advice is that your child should not wear any item of jewellery.

Extreme hairstyles and hair cuts

The school does not support children having haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. If you allow your child to have an 'extreme' haircut this may be seen as a

breach of our school rules and policies and you may be asked to keep your child at home until their hair grows or the hair cut is rectified.

Pupils should wear their hair in a tidy fashion, without colouring, braids or extensions (unless for cultural reasons of which the school should be informed). Hair decorations should be kept as plain and simple as possible. Any pupil with hair that can be tied back must have it tied back for PE activities (for reasons of health and safety) and to make it easier to work in class.

Use of styling products should be kept to a minimum.

Hair Accessories

Hair accessories (e.g. hair bands, bobbles, ties, bows, ribbons etc.), where worn, should be navy, white or sky blue or combination of these colours. Keep it plain and simple please!

Nails

No nail varnish.

No false nails, acrylics, gels etc.

Make-up

No make-up to be worn, this includes false eyelashes.

Glasses

Children should only wear glasses where they have been prescribed to support their vision. If glasses do not need to be worn at all times children should be provided with a suitably named glasses case to keep them in.

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; school shoes should have a low heel of no more than 2cms. We do not allow the wearing of 'jellies', 'wedges' or open-toed sandals. (This applies to children from Nursery to Year 6 inclusive.)

When choosing school shoes for your child please consider whether they can cope with doing up buckles or shoe-laces. Unless your child can tie their own shoe laces we recommend choosing shoes with Velcro or buckle fastenings or slip-ons.

Children may wear boots to and from school during cold or inclement weather. The expectation is that they should change into their black school shoes or trainers or plimsolls whilst in the school building. Children may change into their boots for morning play time and/or at lunchtimes changing back into their black school shoes or trainers or plimsolls whilst in the school building. We do not encourage the wearing of boots in school as they can be uncomfortable and restrictive for the children in some activities e.g. carpet time.

We require all children (from Nursery to Year 6 inclusive) to wear the types of footwear described in more detail in the uniform list. Daily school footwear should be black in colour.

Equipment

Stationery

The school will provide the necessary stationery for children. Children do not, therefore, need to bring in their own pencils, pens, pencil cases etc. Should a child bring in their own pencil case from home they will be reminded that they do not need to bring one in and asked to keep it in their bag and take it home with them at the end of the day.

Water Bottles

We encourage every child to have a water bottle in school and to ensure it is filled with fresh **water** daily and to drink it! Please do not send in juices or squash etc. Water bottles need to be named.

(Research shows that it is important to drink plenty of water throughout the day for optimal brain function because the brain does not have any way to store water. When the body loses more water than is being replaced, dehydration will kick in and brain function will be affected. However when the brain is functioning on a full reserve of water, children are able to think faster, be more focused, and experience greater clarity and creativity.)

Bags

Children throughout the school should not bring in rucksack or backpack style bags, sports bags or handbags. These are unnecessary and we do not have the space to store them. Children in Key Stage 2 will be reminded that these bags are unnecessary, children in EYFS/Key Stage 1 will be given a reminder note for their parent(s). The school book bag is sufficient for every child's day to day needs. If a child is taking part in a school club activity and needs to bring in a change of clothes and/or footwear, they may, on these occasions bring in a larger bag for this purpose.

Naming clothing and property

Please ensure ALL clothing and property is clearly marked with your child's name (not initials) so that items of lost clothing may be easily traced and returned. The school will not accept any liability for items which are not labelled and unlabeled clothing and property may not be returned.

The role of parents and carers

All parents and carers who send their children to our school are agreeing to fully support the school uniform policy.

We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities,

then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat children with disabilities unfavourably.

From time to time there may be other reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In these cases, families should share their reasons with the Class Teacher and/or Pastoral Leader either in person, by letter or Studybugs message.

Second-hand uniform

We keep a small supply of second-hand uniform which can be made available to support families in cases of financial hardship. We also work with the Pitsea School Uniform Bank which provides second-hand uniform for free on a 'no questions asked' basis.

Non-compliance

In sending your child to our school you are agreeing to fully support the school's policies, including the wearing of uniform and other related matters. Our school's uniform is designed to be affordable and accessible. However, should you need assistance with uniform please speak to our Pastoral Leader who may be able to assist you or direct you to other sources for uniform.

If your child is attending school with the incorrect uniform or is not following this policy please ensure you have discussed this with your child's Class Teacher and/or Pastoral Leader. (Your Key Stage 2 child may be asked why they do not have their correct uniform.) If you have not contacted us, you will be contacted by the school to discuss this and support may be offered.

"Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform." (DfE School uniforms, November 2021)

The role of governors

The governing body has chosen a uniform which it believes is fit for purpose and appropriate for the children and families of Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery. The governing body retains overall control of this policy and has directed the Headteacher and staff to implement the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers 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 policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform and equipment policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical and that the children are provided with suitable stationery.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body as and when it is deemed necessary.

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School Uniform for children in Years Nursery - 6

Please note: this is part of the agreement you make when you choose to send your child to Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery.

Please note: **NO back packs, large sports bags or similar** (see page 4 of policy).

Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
<p><u>Winter:</u> Grey skirt, grey pinafore, grey trousers. Sky blue polo shirt (with or without logo), sky blue shirt or sky blue blouse. (The shirt or blouse may be short or long sleeved.) Navy blue cardigan, jumper or non-hooded sweatshirt (with or without logo). Grey tights or grey socks. Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.</p> <p><u>Summer:</u> Option 1: Blue & white check dress or top and skirt set OR Option 2: Grey skirt, grey pinafore, grey skorts, grey shorts or grey trousers to be worn with sky blue polo shirt (with or without logo), sky blue shirt or sky blue blouse. (The shirt or blouse may be short or long sleeved.) Navy blue cardigan, jumper or non-hooded sweatshirt (with or without logo). Option 1 to be worn with white socks. Option 2 to be worn with grey socks or grey tights. Plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Black or white sandals with closed in toes may be worn for Summer.</p>	<p><u>Winter:</u> Grey trousers. Sky blue polo shirt (with or without logo) or sky blue shirt. (The shirt or blouse may be short or long sleeved.) Navy blue cardigan, jumper or non-hooded sweatshirt (with or without logo). Grey socks. Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.</p> <p><u>Summer:</u> Grey shorts or grey trousers. Sky blue polo shirt (with or without logo) or sky blue shirt. (The shirt or blouse may be short or long sleeved.) Navy blue cardigan, jumper or non-hooded sweatshirt (with or without logo). Grey socks. Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.</p>
Unisex Uniform	
<p>Navy blue school book bag with or without logo. <u>NO back packs, large sports bags or similar.</u> Navy blue blazer (with or without logo). Please note this is an optional item. Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.</p>	

Unisex P.E. kit - Uniform

Plain white T-shirt (with or without logo).
Navy blue P.E. shorts (preferred) or black P.E. shorts (as an acceptable alternative).
Navy blue tracksuit bottoms.
Navy blue non-hooded sweatshirt (with or without logo).
Black plimsolls or black trainers
Navy blue P.E. bag (with or without logo) (No back packs etc.)

Jewellery:

Earrings one pair of plain studs (one for each ear) (please remember earrings must be removed for P.E.)

Watches are allowed from Year 2 upwards. Smart watches with a camera function or cellular connectivity should not be worn. (Please remember watches must be removed for P.E.)

Hair Long hair (boys and girls) must be tied back neatly.
No extreme hair-cuts or colouring.

Hair accessories: navy blue, white or sky blue hair accessories. Keep it simple!
(Children will be reminded of this if they wear inappropriate accessories.)

Note:

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME (not just initials).