

RIVERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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INTRODUCTION

It is our school policy that all children wear uniform when attending school, and when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. School uniform is part of the school ethos and in coming to Riversdale parents agree to support our policy. For this reason, uniforms are not expensive. If parents do have any difficulties then do contact the school for support and guidance.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in “fashionable” clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

AIMS

Through this policy we aim to ensure that within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school uniform policy reflects the pride we take in our school and feeling of belonging the uniform creates. In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- Green sweatshirt (with the school logo on)
- Green cardigan (with the school logo on)
- White polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers - no jeans please
- Grey, navy or black skirt - no leggings please
- Flat sensible, safe, shoes or trainers
- Plain navy shorts and house coloured t-shirt for PE
- Gingham dresses - green
- Any cap to protect from the sun
- Red school coat - optional
- Plain black Hijab - if required.

JEWELLERY

The only acceptable items of jewellery to be worn are a wristwatch and stud earrings. Should a pupil have pierced ears, **only** plain studs should be worn. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed and collected by the class teacher before any PE lessons. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

ADDITIONAL

No make up is to be worn to school and no nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour. Long hair should be tied back during the school day.

Many of the school uniform items above are readily available from the school office and from supermarkets. If parents and carers find it difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body:

- The Head teacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.

Role of the Parents/Guardians:

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fundraising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the schools complaints procedure.

RACIAL EQUALITY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

All children have equal access to wearing uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender identity, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equal opportunities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Riversdale Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The class teacher will send home a letter asking for the uniform policy to be adhered to and pointing out which item of clothing needs to be changed. If the item is not changed then a spare uniform will be issued to the child from the school second hand cupboard.

MONITORING & REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or earlier should there be changes.