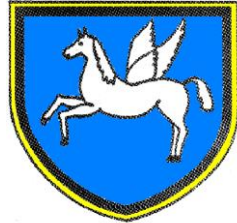


Winchelsea



All Individuals Matter

WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL
RUSKINGTON

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Part 1: Introduction

It is our school policy that all children are encouraged to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school brochure which is also published on our school website.

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 fashion 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.

Part 2: Rules and regulations

2.1 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. A watch is also allowed to be worn. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

2.2 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have hair dye or 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or undermine the overall smart appearance of our pupils.

2.3 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. Therefore, we do not allow children to wear such shoes in school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform and not suitable for wearing throughout the entire school day. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list (Appendix 1).

Part 3: Role of parents

3.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

3.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are genuine reasons (for example on religious grounds), why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

3.3 Some children have sensory needs and school is sympathetic to these requirements and will discuss suitable modifications with parents as necessary.

Part 4: Role of school

4.1 School will be mindful of the financial costs associated with school uniform. School asks that children have the appropriate cardigan/ sweatshirt with the school logo but sets no constraints in regard to other general items which can be purchased from retailers other than the official uniform supplier e.g. supermarkets

4.2 School will regularly provide opportunities for parents to access good quality second-hand uniform items at a greatly reduced cost.

4.3 Where families may face hardship or financial difficulties school will be supportive and will discuss how families may receive assistance in the provision of school uniform. Parents should contact the office in the first instance.

Part 5: Role of governors

5.1 The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

5.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

5.3 Governors ensure that the uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Signed: _____
Chair of Governors

Dated: _____

APPENDIX 1:

Uniform List

Daily Uniform:

- Royal blue or white polo shirt
- Blue gingham blouse (girls)
- Royal blue sweatshirt/fleece/cardigan
- Grey/black trousers/shorts/socks (boys)
- Grey skirt/pinafore dress (approximately knee length)/trousers (girls)
- Blue gingham dress (girls)
- White/grey socks; grey/black tights (girls)
- Sensible footwear (e.g. no trainers, flip-flops, high heels, fashion shoes)

PE Kit:

- Royal blue or white T-shirt
- Royal blue/black shorts and tracksuit bottoms
- Plimsolls (inside) and trainers (outside)

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. KS2 children (Yr 3 and above) will need trainers. All children need a bag to hold PE and games kit. PE is a national curriculum subject and therefore it is vital that children have appropriate PE kit to enable them to participate safely.