



Uniform Policy

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Aim and Scope

The aim of this policy is to set clear expectations for our parents/carers around what children should wear when attending school. At Ruishton Church of England Primary School, in line with our vision we strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone is respected and valued. Having a school uniform provides a visual unity, enabling children to feel part of a shared community. In addition, it can remove any worries around what to wear to school.

Our aim is to provide a uniform which is affordable, comfortable and practical.

Roles and Responsibilities

Parents are encouraged to:

- Ensure their child/ren have the correct uniform, including P.E. kit and that it is clean, in good repair and the **child's name is written on all items**.
- Support the school in health and safety practices (see below), for example not allowing children to wear jewellery.
- Speak with the school office, class teacher or headteacher if providing school uniform poses any difficulties.
- Speak with the school office, class teacher or headteacher if their child is having trouble with wearing school uniform.

Ruishton school staff will:

- Encourage children to respect their uniform, (for example, wearing it appropriately and when not wearing it, putting it somewhere 'safe').
- Encourage and supporting children to recognise when to wear their uniform, in line with weather conditions.
- Supporting families with the provision of uniform where affordability is difficult.
- Review and support any reasonable requests from parents and pupils to adapt uniform or remove the need for uniform to meet the needs of individual pupils.

Pupil non-compliance

Pupils and parents will be reminded where uniform expectations have not been met and there is not reasonable justification for non-compliance of policy. We will handle any non-compliance in a fair and proportionate way.

Uniform Details:

Please note, we have labelled which items are optional. Also, whilst we would prefer school uniform to be branded with our school logo this is optional for parents to purchase as we recognise generic items are often cheaper to purchase.



- Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers (skirts not pencil style/tight fitting and hem should be around knee length)
- White blouse or polo shirt (school logo optional)
- Red jumper or cardigan (school logo optional)

- Plain white, ankle or knee length socks (not over the knee) or black or grey tights
- Summer uniform (optional during summer term) – red/white gingham dress or playsuit or grey shorts and polo shirt.
- Red fleece with logo (optional)

Footwear

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

We recognise and support some children need to wear boots (for medical purposes), where possible we request these are plain black.

P.E. Uniform



- Plain, non-branded black shorts
- Red t-shirt (logo optional)
- A pair of daps/plimsolls/ trainers – with suitable fastenings to aid children’s independence (e.g. Velcro). **Children are not permitted to wear trainers with studded soles (e.g. turf football trainers). This is to prevent injury of others.**
- Black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- Plain white, grey or black socks
- **For all PE sessions, due to health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings, necklaces or bracelets for PE.** Your child’s teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that these items can be removed prior to coming to school.

All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Children (and parents/carers) can understandably become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

Other expectations

Jewellery:

The wearing of any jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons, but a child with pierced ears may wear small studs which will need to be removed in PE lessons.

Watches must not have capability of audio or video recording hardware (for safeguarding reasons) activated and must be removed for PE.

Hair and Make-up:

As with uniform, children's appearance should be smart. In line with many other schools, coloured, patterned/shaved or extreme hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school. Pupils with long hair (lower than shoulder length) should have a hairband/ headband (no large bows) in school so that their hair can be tied back. This is mostly for practical reasons for learning (avoiding hair getting in eyes) and health and safety (reducing risk of head lice for example).

We do not consider the wearing of make-up, temporary tattoos, hair dye or nail varnish to be appropriate for school, unless for an out of school hours' function, for example a school disco.

Where to purchase uniform

School uniform items are available online from South West School Wear in Taunton:

www.swschoolwear.co.uk

And My Clothing:

www.myclothing.com

Our PTFA also have a limited stock of 'nearly new' items. Generic items, without logos, can be purchased in most high street stores/supermarkets.

Review Mechanisms

This policy will be reviewed every two years by SLT in consultation with the Local School Committee.

Guidance

This policy has been created using the DfE non-statutory guidance on developing school uniform policy.