

Pontesbury CE Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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Aims and objectives

At our school, we maintain a uniform policy that reflects our commitment to fostering a sense of belonging, pride, and community among our pupils. This commitment stems from our vision, "*Aim high, climb higher*," inspired by Psalm 121, which encourages us to nurture aspiration, resilience, and trust in God in all we do.

We believe that by taking pride in their appearance and wearing the school uniform smartly, our pupils not only represent these values but also contribute to a positive and focused learning environment to help every child flourish and reach their highest potential.

It is imperative that all clothing items sent to school are clearly labelled with the child's name.

We encourage our children to adopt the following uniform. This helps to give the children an identity as a whole school, both at school and when we are involved in events and visits.

School uniform

The school uniform consists of the following items:

- A royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with a school logo.
- A white/royal blue polo shirt/blouse (which may be worn with or without the school logo).
- Grey trousers, grey skirts, or grey pinafore dresses.
- Plain socks in white, grey or black or tights in grey or black.
- Grey shorts or pale blue and white checked dresses/playsuits (optional for summer).
- Black school shoes are mandatory; trainers are not permitted.

Physical Education (PE) uniform

Physical Education is a vital component of our curriculum, and appropriate attire is essential for participation.

The PE kit comprises the following items:

- A royal-blue, round-neck PE t-shirt with the school logo on.
- A pair of plain navy shorts.
- A plain navy jumper/hoodie or a navy-blue fleece (optional available from the school with the logo).
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings (non-flared) - for PE during the winter months.
- Trainers or pumps must be worn for all PE lessons. Generally, PE in the hall is conducted barefoot, however grippy socks are permitted.

Students are expected to arrive at school in their PE kit on their designated PE days with the exception of EYFS/Reception who will change into their PE kit in school. EYFS/Reception will need a named bag to put their PE kit in.

Swimming

- Swimming costume/shorts/trunks.
- Goggles, swimming cap, nose, ear plugs (all optional). Children must know how to put these on themselves.
- A towel.
- A bag to carry swimming things in (either waterproof or containing a plastic bag to stop wet things soaking through).

As with all uniform items, it is crucial that all pieces of the PE kit are clearly labelled with the child's name.

Footwear

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.

Children must wear appropriate black school shoes during the day (trainers are not permitted). Trainers and pumps should only be worn on the day of PE lessons or where the school has been advised of a medical condition that prevents the wearing of shoes.

As with all uniform items, it is crucial that all footwear is clearly labelled with the child's name.

Bags, coats and water bottles

Although not essential, we encourage parents to purchase one of our school 'book bags' for children in the EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. These bags are preferred over bulky sports bags/rucksacks, which can be cumbersome. School book bags are available for purchase at the School Office.

As children move up through the school, pupils will require a backpack/rucksack to carry water bottles, reading books, coats, sports kit etc.

Children are required to bring a coat to school. These should be weather-appropriate to support our OPAL playtimes and lunchtimes (we go outside in all weathers). Coats should have loops for hanging on pegs to ensure that they are stored appropriately. It is crucial that coats are clearly labelled with the child's name.

Whilst the school do have water fountains available for children to use, it is highly recommended that pupils bring a named, sensibly-sized, water bottle to school. It is preferable for this to be filled at home and, to promote healthy choices, contain water only.

As with all uniform items, it is crucial that all items are clearly labelled with the child's name.

Hair Styles, hairbands and bows

We expect pupils to maintain hairstyles that are appropriate and respectful. Extreme hairstyles, including those that are overly flamboyant or distracting are not permitted.

The following are not acceptable (but not limited to): dyed hair, gelled hair which is spiked and styles where words, patterns or logos are shaved in (the headteacher and governing body reserve the right to make a final decision if necessary). If you are unsure about whether or not a hairstyle is appropriate for school, please ask the headteacher before having it done.

Children are free to wear hairbands and bows, providing such items do not become a distraction to the child or others.

Long hair must be tied back for PE with a simple, plain hair bobble.

Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery is one pair of small studs/one small stud in pierced ears, a wristwatch and a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Ear studs must be removed or covered with tape during PE (tape to be provided by home – children must be capable of applying tape themselves if applied at school). This ensures that all students can participate fully in physical activities without risk of injury.

Smartwatches (regardless of whether they are linked to a device or not) are not permitted under any circumstances – supported by our Safeguarding Policy.

School staff are not responsible for the safe keeping of jewellery and cannot be held responsible if items go missing.

Makeup/Nails

Children must not wear make-up or have nails painted.

Temporary Tattoos

Children must not wear visible temporary tattoos. This will be permitted for a short period of time following a school fundraising event such as a disco or the Summer Fair.

Purchasing Uniform

Parents can conveniently order school sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE t-shirts, PE fleeces, PE shorts, hats, book bags, and water bottles from the school office. Furthermore, we understand that some families may seek more economical options; therefore, we regularly offer second-hand uniform items. Interested parents are encouraged to enquire at the school office for further details regarding availability.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

If any parent would like the school to modify the dress code policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher.

Under the Equality Act 2010, children have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the dress code the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the 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 regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors will ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Supporting pupils with additional needs

There may be instances where pupils with additional needs (identified and discussed with the school) require adapted uniform. For example, V-neck sweatshirts for pupils with cochlea implants needing wider necked jumpers so as not to interfere with their hearing aids. Or temporary wearing of trainers when advised by a medical professional (this is not an exhaustive list).

Similarly, should an item of dress prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy in a timely manner.

This policy will also be reviewed within an appropriate time frame, following any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform. This may be performed: as a whole governing body; through a delegated committee or with selected members of the governing body e.g. Chair and Vice Chair.

Non-Compliance

Parents will be contacted by the school if their child does not adhere to this policy. If parents have difficulty meeting these standards they are requested to discuss these with the headteacher.

The school will follow Department for Education guidance in relation to enforcing school uniform. DFE guidance explains that teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This will be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.