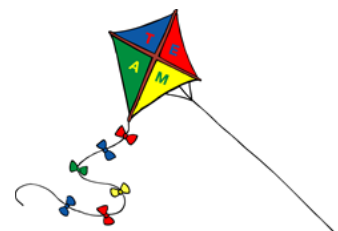


Twyford St Mary's C of E Primary School

School Uniform Policy 2022-25



Rationale

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

Our policy is based on the principle that our school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by most parents as good value for money
- Is based on generic clothing items that are easily accessible and available from a wide range of retailers (items bearing the school logo may be available from a more restricted list of suppliers)
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Offers equality of choice for all pupils regardless of gender

The Policy

All parents and guardians with children at Twyford St Mary's school are asked to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that the child has the correct uniform and that it is clean, tidy, and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are cultural or faith-based reasons why parents or guardians want their children to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher as we are wholly open to accommodating any such request for pupils to express their personal culture.

School Uniform

All children must wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

Our school uniform comprises the following items.

- Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore dress, skort, or skirt
- Red/white, checked dress or playsuit (Summer)
- Red polo shirt
- Bottle green round neck sweatshirt with school logo affixed or bottle green cardigan with school logo affixed. These are available with from Skoolkit or second hand through regular PTA sales, for a nominal contribution.
- Plain grey socks, white socks, or dark coloured tights (grey, black, school red, or school green)

- Smart black shoes
- Sensible sandals – in exceptionally hot weather only.
- Black suitable boots (not fashion boots, and no high heels or platforms) - in winter only.

Any undergarments should not be visible outside the uniform (e.g. no long sleeve t-shirts under a polo, no leggings under a skirt or shorts)

P.E. Kit

Our P.E. kit requirements are as generic to make it as accessible as possible while maintaining a smart presentation and allowing for house colours to be worn. We require that children wear P.E. kit for P.E. to protect and prolong the life of their school uniform as well as ensuring they are comfortable and have their full range of movement while exercising.

Our P.E. kits comprises of:

- Black shorts or skorts for summer, and black jogging bottoms or leggings in winter
- T-shirt in relevant team colour. These are available with school logo from Skoolkit or second hand through regular PTA sales, for a nominal contribution. (Manor - green, Bourne - yellow, Hazeley – red, Finches – blue)
- Black plimsolls or suitable, sensible black trainers (without flashing lights or fashion effects such as glitter etc.)
- Black hoodie or sweatshirt
- Sports socks or a change of socks
- For Year 5 children attending swimming lessons, full swimming costumes (no bikinis), goggles, swimming hat, and towel in a named kit bag will be required

Other equipment

- Book bag or appropriate rucksack.

A book bag or an appropriate rucksack needs to be provided for all children from Year R to Year 6 to carry books, homework, letters to and from home, and their water bottle. This does not need to be branded with the school logo, but school-branded book bags are available from the school office for a small charge, and school-branded rucksacks are available from named stockists.

- Water bottle
- Wellies in wet weather, should be pegged together and named

Footwear

We ask that children wear shoes (as described in the uniform list) at all times while attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. For this reason, we believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and so do not allow such shoes in our school.

We do not allow children to wear trainers as part of the school uniform. Trainers are appropriate for sport or playtime but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of the school uniform.

Shoes that do not offer adequate protection for the child's feet and toes should not be worn to school (this includes open-toed sandals – except in exceptionally hot weather – and flip flops at all times).

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds children are not permitted to wear jewellery in our school, with limited exceptions, namely:

- earring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance
- sensible watches, worn at the pupil's own risk

Children may be asked to remove these objects during P.E. and games to avoid risk of injury.

Smart watches with games or mobile communication capabilities are not permitted in school.

Hair and make up

Hair should be of natural colour and should not be dyed – other than a single, natural colour.

Below shoulder length hair should be tied back and kept off the child's face, this is especially important during P.E., science, and cooking lessons.

Plain, simple hair accessories may be used to keep hair neat and tidy and should be black, grey, red, green, or natural hair coloured.

Eye make-up, lipstick, nail varnish, and false nails are not permitted.

Naming of Clothing

To avoid confusion and to keep lost property to a minimum, all items of clothing, including P.E kit bags, coats, hats, and water bottles must be clearly named before being brought into school.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Application of the Policy

The uniform policy should be adhered to by all pupils when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours. Parents or guardians will be contacted if there are notable concerns or repeated failure to adhere to the school uniform policy.

The Governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation regarding school uniform.
- Requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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