

The Coombes Church of England Primary School Uniform Policy

Aim of Policy: This Policy aims to clarify details of the uniform requirements for The Coombes Church of England Primary School.

Description: This Policy lists the specific uniform requirements of The Coombes Church of England Primary School. It also clarifies why our school believes that school uniform is an important part of the school ethos of high standards and achievement as well as instilling a sense of pride, well-being and equality within our school family.

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1.0 Introduction

At The Coombes Church of England Primary School, it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside of normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy and is available to view on the school website.

2.0 Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform reflects our high expectations and ensures the following:

- promotion of a sense of pride in the school;
- promotion of the school’s core values;
- a demonstration of high standards throughout the school;
- a sense of community and belonging towards the school is engendered;
- being practical and smart and suitable wear for school;

- identification of the children with the school, aiding safeguarding;
- prevention of children from coming to school in apparel or accessories that could be a distraction from learning;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

3.0 General statement on uniform

Our school takes pride in the appearance of our children. The school requires parents to purchase school logoed uniform as we feel this helps to reinforce the school's identity.

Our uniform policy has been developed in line with government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

Religious and Cultural Sensitivities

The school will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies.

Human rights, equality and discrimination considerations

When making decisions about our uniform policy, the school has given due regard to its obligations under the [Human Rights Act 1998](#) and the [Equality Act 2010](#). Our school has considered the impact of our policy on pupils who share a protected characteristic.

The relevant protected characteristics considered when developing and implementing this uniform policy are:

- gender
- religion or belief
- race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin)
- disability
- gender reassignment

DfE's cost of school uniform requirements and second-hand uniform

The Department for Education (DfE) issued requirements for schools regarding the cost of school uniform, uniform sustainability and overall choice and availability of uniform. In the requirements, the DfE states that schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment). The suppliers we have chosen ensure that this requirement is met. In addition, we have conducted school uniform cost checks, and have concluded that our uniform expectations are in line with government averages and meet the requirements of the statutory DfE requirements.

The DfE requirements also states that schools should ensure that second-hand uniform is available for parents to purchase. Second-hand uniform is available from the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Please email ptachair@coombes.wokingham.sch.uk with a list of your uniform requirements, and the PTA team will respond with their stock and costs. Please note that second-hand uniform is only available thanks to the generosity of our parents as they leave the school.

Pre-loved / second-hand uniform may also be available from local second-hand selling websites (i.e. Facebook Marketplace), which parents may wish to source uniform from. These sites are not associated with the school, and the school will take no responsibility for or profit from any items purchased on these sites.

Environmental Impact

Careful consideration on the environmental impact of our uniform has been considered, including any branded items we have and where they are sourced.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Role of Governors

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy. The Governors ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and other associated regulations. Governors aim to ensure that the School Uniform Policy provides parents/carers with cost effective options as well as helping children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical for activities undertaken in school.

4.2 Role of Parents

We require all parents who send their children to our school to support and uphold the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready to learn each day. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, correctly fitting and in good repair. Each item must be clearly labelled. The school takes no responsibility for loss of items.

If the school has a problem with any aspect of a pupil's appearance, parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

The school is inclusive of children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

If there are valid 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. Parents need to discuss these arrangements with the Headteacher.

5.0 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils should not wear earrings if they are attending swimming lessons.

5.1 Smart watches and similar worn devices

Whilst we want to support the fitness and healthy lifestyle of pupils, we also have a duty to protect pupils with regard to safeguarding and digital safety. Therefore, smart watches (or similar) that have any of the following features are not permitted to be worn or carried in school:

- Smart watches or similar with a camera function.
- Smart watches or similar with an e-SIM that allows the device to be connected to mobile internet.
- Smart watches or similar that have gaming functions enabled.

In addition, parents/carers should note the following:

- Pupils in Reception to Year 5 are not permitted a mobile phone on site.
- Pupils in Year 6 (who have signed permission) must hand their mobile phones in to the school office/Out of School Club (turned off) at the beginning of the school day, so their device cannot connect to their smart watch despite it being on site. These must be collected at the end of the school day. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to any item brought in to school, including those left with the school office.

6.0 Hair

The school does encourage children to have sensible hair designs which do not distract children from their learning. Hair accessories, such as hairbands, bows and clips, should be discreet and black, blue, green or neutral in colour. Large bows or coloured hair accessories are not permitted. Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied up at all times.

Nails and makeup: We do not allow pupils to wear nail varnish, fake/false nails or makeup in school.

7.0 Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe shoes that are black in colour. Boots should not be worn and trainers are only permitted for P.E. lessons.

8.0 P.E.

Our P.E. kit consists of a t-shirt (house colour) and navy shorts. Children are to wear the t-shirt (preferred with school logo) in their house team colour (blue-water/green-earth/yellow-air/red-fire). In Key Stage 1, pupils need to have plimsolls or trainers in school. In Key Stage 2 trainers are worn for P.E. lessons. During the colder months, parents may wish for their child to wear a tracksuit (jumper/zipped jacket (no hood) and jogging bottoms). These must be navy and plain. Pupils need to ensure that their P.E. kit is in school at all times.

When children are representing the school for inter-school competitions, the school will provide children with school branded kit where appropriate.

9.0 Pupil non-compliance

The school will notify parents by phone, email or letter if a child is not wearing correct school uniform. 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.

10.0 Sourcing Uniform

Our uniform can be purchased through one of our chosen online suppliers, with who you can set up your own account for orders:

Brigade Clothing Limited www.brigadeclothing.co.uk

My clothing www.myclothing.com

These companies have options available for items listed as part of our required uniform, particularly clothing with the school logo.

Parents may also purchase clothing from their own chosen supplier. Most items of generic uniform required are readily available from supermarkets or department stores.

School ties (blue with green stripe) are available online, or the school office keeps a supply of both standard and elastic ties. These are sold at cost price payable via the online payment system or card.

Local Wokingham based charities (ie. The Cowshed; First Days) also carry a stock of preloved uniform for all local schools.

11.0 Complaints about our uniform

Complaints about our school uniform should be resolved locally and should be pursued in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Appendix 1

School Uniform Specifications

General Appearance - It is the expectation that at all times, shirts will be tucked in, top buttons will be done up and ties tied appropriately.

Extreme Weather - In unusually hot weather children will be advised to remove their ties and undo top buttons of their shirts.

Winter Uniform

White shirt / blouse (* Children in Reception class- white polo shirt)

School tie: Blue and Green striped (elastic for Infants if preferred)

Emerald Green V-neck jumper or cardigan embroidered with school logo

Dark grey trousers with grey or black socks

Dark grey skirt/culottes/pinafore dress with grey tights or white/grey socks.

Black school shoes

Summer Uniform

The Summer uniform is optional throughout the Spring term (subject to appropriate weather). It is expected that all children will be in Summer uniform from May half-term.

White shirt/blouse (* Children in Reception class - white polo shirt)

School tie: Blue and Green striped (elastic for Infants if preferred)

Emerald Green V-neck jumper or cardigan embroidered with school logo

Dark grey shorts with grey or black socks

Green and white gingham/check dress or grey skirt/culottes/pinafore dress with grey or white socks

Black school shoes

If your child chooses to wear a dress or skirt, you may wish to purchase, for modesty or dignity reasons plain, dark coloured fitted/cycling shorts to go underneath (Blue, Grey, or Black).

Accessories:

School branded rucksacks are available, but not compulsory. Small rucksacks or branded rucksacks should be brought to and from school every day.

School branded navy P.E. bags are available, but not compulsory. P.E. bags with kit should typically stay in school (unless wet/excessively dirty) and will be sent home at least half-termly for washing.

Below are examples of school logoed items available.

* Please note: **one** key chain or labelling devise is suitable on bags or rucksacks.



The Coombes CE Primary School Uniform Overview



Uniform Overview



Jumper or Cardigan – With School Logo (compulsory)



White School Short (Short or Long Sleeve)

Plain Polo T-Shirt (Reception children only)



School Tie (Pupils in years 1-6- not required for reception class children)



Traditional Tie or Fixed tie with elastic

Grey School Trousers

Grey Shorts

Grey Skirt

Pinafore Dress

Grey Tights



Summer Dress – Green



White Socks



**Black School Shoes- not trainers or high boots
Trainers**



PE Shoes- Plimsolls (black) /



* Trainers can be of any colour

PE T-Shirt – in house colour*

(*School Logo preferred)



PE- Plain Blue Shorts



PE- Plain Navy Blue Tracksuit



Hair Accessories (Blue/Black/Green/Neutral in colour) No 'large' hair accessories



Examples

Appendix 3- Orchard Nursery Uniform Specifications

Nursery Uniform Specifications

Plain white polo t-shirt



Children's polo shirts to be worn with joggers or leggings and active shoes that can be put on independently.

These polo shirts can be purchased from our schools leading uniform supplier.

Parents may also buy plain basic polo's from leading supermarkets and department stores in same colours to extend the week of attendance in a financially accessible way.

Bottle Green Jumper with Orchard Nursery Logo

