

Clothing Policy

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CLOTHING POLICY (including other items brought to school)

School clothing

We don't have a school uniform; however, clothes children wear to school should be suitable for the purpose. This means they need to be comfortable and practical but also clean, tidy and presentable.

The school colours are purple and green. Children respond well to the learning environment of school if they are wearing clothes which signify they are 'at school' and are different to those they wear at home.

Suitable clothing

Clothing should be of a plain or simple patterned nature. We do not allow slogans, words or pictures on any clothing, footwear/wellington boots or lunch boxes. Football or team colours (eg team strip/scarves/hats) are not permitted. Reversible sequin, plain sequin or glitter designs on clothing, bags and lunch boxes are not permitted in school. We also discourage fluffy coats and jumpers.

Skirts/trousers

For practical purposes children should wear trousers/leggings.

If children wish to wear a skirt they should be:

- knee length
- preferably worn with leggings and socks underneath to avoid the complications of tights
- as practical as possible

Parents should be aware that skirts are not ideal when using outdoor equipment and for forest school activities and children must have alternative clothing in school to change into for these activities.

If children wear shorts these should be at least mid-thigh length. Swim/beach shorts are not permitted.

We do not allow rips in jeans or other similar 'fashion' clothing.

Footwear

Children should come to school in shoes which are comfortable and practical such as:

- stout shoes or trainers (plain colours only). Unless children can do their own laces these should be Velcro fastening
- canvas shoes (summer term)
- sandals (summer term only) these should have straps behind the heel and covered toes.
- Children are not allowed to wear loose fitting shoes/sandal or flip flops
- **Children should keep a pair of indoor shoes at school such as plimsolls or canvas shoes.**

Outdoor Gear

The following outdoor clothing should be kept at school:

- Waterproof coat with a hood
- Waterproof trousers
- Pair of wellington boots and thick welly socks for forest school days
- Children need socks in school at all times.

School book bags, backpacks and PE bags

- Children from Reception upwards, are provided with a school backpack, bookbag and PE kit bag. These are designed to fit on the cloakroom pegs. Other bags are not permitted.
- Only school backpacks are permitted on off-site school trips.
- Spare clothing for Infants should be kept in their PE kitbag. (See below)

Lunch boxes and other personal items

The rule of no slogans, no film, gaming or TV characters or sequins apply to all lunchboxes, water bottles, bags and other personal items brought into school.

Spare Clothing

Children in the infants should keep a set of spare clothing including underwear, top and bottoms and socks at school in their PE bag. Kindergarten children should keep this in their backpack.

PE KIT

From Reception class upwards children need the following PE kit in school every day:

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| • A pair of black shorts | <u>In the winter months for outdoor PE:</u> |
| • White tee shirt | Black fleece |
| • White socks | Black leggings or jogging bottoms |
| • Plain trainers | |
| • Black plimsolls for indoor gymnastics | |

Coats

In addition to the Outdoor Gear kept at school, children also need a warm fleece or coat. This should be brought to school other than on warm summer days. Coats should be warm, showerproof, with easy fastenings especially for younger children and suitable for outdoor play in a wooded environment. Fluffy or sequined coats are not suitable for school.

Summer Clothing

During the summer term, all children should have sunhats in school to wear in sunny weather.

Children should always have their shoulders covered. No spaghetti or vest top style straps.

Parents should apply sunscreen to all exposed areas.

Sandals are permitted so long as they protect toes and have straps behind the heel (not flip flops).

Hats and gloves

In cold weather children should bring a warm hat and gloves. These must be named.

Please note that whilst children may use a hood (as part of a hoody or outdoor coat) when outside in cold weather, it is a school rule that hoods, caps, hats or other headgear must not be worn when inside any of the school buildings.

Hair and Hairstyles

Hair should be neat and tidy.

Children with long hair must have it tied back to prevent it from becoming a distraction during learning time and for other health and safety reasons, including the spread of head lice. This applies to hair which is shoulder length or longer or covers the face. This should be done using discreet hair-ties, hairbands or grips, not elaborate designs intended as fashion accessories.

Children are not permitted to come to school with shaved hair designs or other extreme hairstyles.

Hair colouring (other than for special events in school – such as World Book Day) is not permitted.

Jewellery

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school, including all kinds of necklaces or rings. In the case of jewellery worn for religious purposes, any exemptions to this policy will be discussed on an individual basis and subject to a risk assessment if this is considered necessary by the school.

In the Kindergarten the policy relating to jewellery is relaxed as the school recognises that special items from home can often help younger children settle in the EYFS. However, the suitability of such items will be assessed by the kindergarten staff to ensure that the child and others around them can play safely both inside and outside.

Pierced Ears

Children with pierced ears may only wear small, plain stud earrings or retainers not of a brightly coloured or patterned design (only one in each ear lobe) and no other body piercing is permitted.

It is a Health and Safety requirement that no children wearing jewellery participate in PE, therefore any child wearing an ear stud must either:

- take the ear stud out before coming to school;
- remove it before the start of the lesson or
- cover it with a plaster or tape, which should be supplied from home.

Children will be responsible for their safe-keeping during the PE lesson.

Note: If a child has newly pierced ears, they will be asked to cover them during PE in which case parents should send a letter to the class teacher stating the date of the piercing.

Nail Varnish/Make-up/Tatoos

Children are not allowed to wear make-up or nail varnish in school. If children do have nail varnish on for a holiday or special event it should be removed before they return to school. In the Kindergarten the policy relating to nail varnish is relaxed.

Any form of tattoo is not permitted (permanent or temporary) other than those that are part of a religious or cultural celebration, any exemptions to this policy will be discussed on an individual basis.

Watches

Children may wear a simple analogue or digital watch to enable them to tell the time. If these watches have alarms, they should be switched off during school times.

Smart watches or other similar style watches or fitness trackers are allowed at the discretion of the class teacher. If they are permitted, they must be disabled so they cannot make or receive calls, make or play sound recordings, take or display photographs, play games or connect to the internet or wi-fi. If such watches are found to be distracting to the child or affect the learning of others, the teacher has the authority to ask the child to remove the watch and not wear it to school. The teacher's decision over this is final.

Mobile Phones and Electronic devices

Children may not bring a mobile phone or any other electronic device into school. The only exception to this is for a child who has permission to walk home from the minibus. In this situation the phone must be handed in at the school office and collected at home time. It may only be turned on when the child has got off the minibus. Any parent needing to send an urgent message to their child during the school day should contact the School Office, where a member of staff will relay the message.

Electronic toys

No electronic toys including anything which makes noises should come into school.

Confiscation of Items

Should a child be found to have an item which is not permitted in school, the item will be taken by a member of staff to the office. These can be collected at the end of the school day.

Naming clothing and personal items

All clothing which is likely to be removed eg coats, jumpers, cardigans, PE kit and PE bags **MUST HAVE NAME LABELS** or names written on the label. Names should be written in shoes and wellington boots, water bottles, rucksacks, snack containers and lunch boxes.

There is a box for **Lost Property** in the office. Items not collected by the end of term are disposed of.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the Proprietors and staff of the school and will be reviewed for changes in procedures and statutory guidelines in accordance with the school's policy review guidelines.

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