

Pirbright Village Primary School



Uniform Policy

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Rationale:

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging to our school family, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

Aims:

- All children wear the correct uniform to school
- Children feel proud to belong to the school
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school

Guidelines:

It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear. The school provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn (see below). Most items of uniform can be purchased from a local shop or online. Whilst we would like children to wear a logoed jumper or cardigan (which can be purchased from the school office), these are absolutely not compulsory. Likewise, parents can purchase logoed white t-shirts but these are also not compulsory. We encourage parents to seek uniform which meets the school's expectations, whilst being affordable and convenient for them.

If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers (see consequences below and Appendix 1). If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (e.g. does not conform with our uniform policy, is unsuitable for the weather, is too revealing, etc) then the school will provide uniform for the child to wear for the day (this will include plimsolls for inappropriate footwear).

PE kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing. If a child does not have their PE kit in school, a letter is sent home to the parents/carers. Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name. The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform. There are areas for lost property located in the school. Any items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of.

If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (e.g. health or religious grounds or exceptional circumstances) then the class teacher will sympathetically consider any such request from a parent/carer. They may seek clarification from a member of the Senior Leadership Team if necessary.

Staff members responsible for a club will communicate to the children what they can and cannot wear. This may include clothing which is not "school uniform", i.e. wearing their own rugby kit.

Uniform details:

Winter

- ✓ Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan (*logo optional*).
- ✓ School logoed fleece – entirely optional, but must be a PVPS logoed fleece. Can be worn in place of a jumper or cardigan.
- ✓ White shirt (*tucked in*), blouse or polo shirt (*logo optional*).
- ✓ Grey tailored skirt/pinafore* (*knee length*) or school trousers.
- ✓ Plain white/black/grey socks or tights.
- ✓ Suitable black shoes** with a closed toe.

Summer

- ✓ As winter or with a blue/white checked dress/culottes/blouse or grey tailored shorts just above the knee.
- ✓ Caps are optional but must be in school or muted colours and with no logos.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sturdy trainers (not canvas) are permitted if they are jet black in colour (there must be no other colours or coloured logos on the trainers or sole). ✓ Suitable winter coat. <p>*If children wish to wear cycling shorts underneath skirts or dresses then they are welcome to but they must be in school colours (blue, grey, white or black).</p> <p>** Children are not permitted to wear any form of boots in school other than when requested for learning activities i.e. wellies.</p> | |
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Jeans, leggings, patterned tights, patterned or coloured socks, high-heeled shoes/boots, football shirts are not acceptable school wear at any time unless directed for a club.

PE Kit:

- ✓ Royal blue T-Shirt
- ✓ Royal blue shorts (**not** cycling shorts)
- ✓ Trainers – ideally a second set just for PE in case of wet weather
- ✓ PE bag
- ✓ Optional – a blue, black or grey tracksuit or base layers is also useful for outdoor activities during the winter or similar coloured base layers.
- ✓ Optional – royal blue skort.

Fleeces can be purchased from the school’s uniform shop with the logo on and are optional. These can replace the school’s jumpers or cardigans.

Appropriate Hair Styles

| Acceptable | Not Acceptable |
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| Natural looking hair colour. | Any hair colouring including red, pink, white, bleached blonde – over selected areas of the hair or the whole of the hair. |
| Close cropped hair e.g. Grade 2. | Shaved patterns cut into short hair. Patterns in hair i.e. names, tramlines or checks. |
| Long hair tied back. | Long hair not tied back. |
| Small, school coloured hair accessories (ie hair bands, headbands bows, clips and scrunchies). | Items in their hair that are obvious and detract from the smart nature of the uniform. Items which are non-school coloured. |
| Natural Eyebrows | Shaved eyebrows. |

Jewellery/Make Up

We do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are small stud earrings for pierced ears (one pair only) and watches. We ask the children to independently remove these during PE lessons or, if they cannot remove the stud earrings, they will miss their PE session. This is to prevent any injury being caused to themselves or others. If it is essential to a child’s religion that they wear something sacred, i.e. a Sikh Kara, then permission from the head teacher must be sought and it covered for PE. Children are not permitted to wear smart watches (anything on which you can send messages, make phone calls or take photos).

It is inappropriate for primary school aged children to be wearing make-up, false nails or nail varnish at school and they will therefore be asked to remove it/them as soon as possible. Pupils will be asked to remove make-up immediately and nail varnish must be removed by the beginning of the next school day. We will ask children wearing false nails to remove them as soon as realistically possible.

Consequences:

1. Warning by teacher and asked to change as appropriate. Parents will be notified informally.
2. Pupil sent to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Parents notified through formal warning letter.
3. Phone call to parents to collect child to change into appropriate school uniform.

Mufti days (Non-Uniform)

Pupils are still expected to wear appropriate clothing that is suitable for school and the activities that will occur during the day.

- No heels on shoes
- No football shirts
- Appropriate cover for sun in hot weather

If a pupil arrives at school and is not deemed to be appropriately dressed, then a call will be made home and a suitable change of clothing is expected to be provided.

Financial Implications

We appreciate that the cost of school uniforms can be a barrier for some parents and cause an unnecessary financial burden. Children who receive the Pupil Premium (Ever6, FSM, P/LAC) will all receive a school uniform voucher to the value of two school jumpers from Valentinos (£26 in 2026/2027). This voucher is for every child in the family who triggers the funding and may be used on any items from the uniform shop.

Other than the colour and style, there are no compulsory elements to Pirbright's uniform and items may be purchased from any outlet as long as they meet the criteria set. We have a second-hand uniform shop run by our Friends of Pirbright School (FOPS) which offer uniform at a hugely discounted price. If parents are still struggling with the cost of school uniform, they are encouraged to come into school and speak to a senior leader.

Appendix 1: - Letter example

Dear Parent/Carer

Child's name: Class:



It was noted that your child did not come to school with the correct uniform today.

This is unacceptable and must not happen again or we may have to ask you to collect your child to enable them to change. I am sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school. As our policy states:

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging to our school policy, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.”

I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that they dress appropriately every school day. Our uniform is as follows:

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Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Dutton
Head Teacher