



Fowlmere Primary School

Uniform Policy

Introduction

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

Fowlmere Primary School uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper, sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with embroidered school logo and name
- School trousers, school shorts, skirts or pinafores which should be either black, charcoal or grey
- Black all over, preferably leather, school shoes should be worn. Canvas shoes, trainers or shoes with coloured soles / stripes are not considered suitable. Socks / tights should be plain in black, grey, white, or other similar colours that will not clash with the uniform.
- White T-shirt and black or navy plain shorts (above knee) for PE
- Plain blue, grey black navy track suit (without hoods) and a pair of sturdy trainers for outdoor PE
- Blue gingham dress or culotte dress for summer

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that 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 parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such footwear. Neither do we encourage the wearing of trainers or canvas shoes to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet, is not appropriate in

wet weather and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear (playtimes). Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Plain, practical single coloured sandals (white, black, navy, tan) may be worn in the summer.

Trainers or plimsolls to be worn for outside PE. Gym shoes may be worn for indoor gymnastics and dance (although bare feet are most acceptable).

Hair

Hairstyles must be sensible and appropriate for school. Extreme haircuts are not acceptable. All hair must be tied back for PE and swimming.

Uniform Rules

School uniform must be names.

Children may wear:

- Sensible, inexpensive wristwatches, but they should be marked with the owner's name. The pupil must be responsible for their watch as the school is not responsible for damage or loss of personal property.
- Hair bands and scrunchies should be in lines with the school uniform colours. Children are discouraged from wearing fancy hairbands as some designs may cause injury.

Children should NOT wear

- Jewellery except plain gold/silver stud earrings (these must be removed for sports activities)
- Make-up, including nail varnish
- Trainers, except for sports activities
- Sports branded clothing during the normal school day
- High heeled shoes on health & safety grounds
- If, in winter, boots are worn to school, then a pair of school shoes must be brought to school for the child to change into
- Hats or scarves during lessons, except for religious or medical reasons
- Track suit tops with hoods; if there is a hood it must not be worn at any time whilst indoors or when participating in a PE lesson

Purchasing School Uniform

Our uniform is available from most supermarket chains. Please also speak to the office staff if you would like information about branded uniform.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Where a parent is temporarily unable to send their child to school in the appropriate uniform permission must be sought from the Headteacher who must agree that the reasons are valid. All items must be named.

The Role of Governors

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The Governors will consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

Policy Review

This Policy will be reviewed in line with our rolling programme of Policy reviews.

