



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

When developing and implementing this policy governors have given due regard to the DfE published guidance on the cost of school uniforms.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

The Governing board has also ensured that in developing and implementing their uniform policy, we comply with the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010 and consider key considerations such as safeguarding requirements and the health and safety of our pupils.

Introduction

At Chalfont St Peter Infant School we expect all children to wear school uniform when attending school. We believe that, as a result, children will feel part of the school family and have a greater sense of belonging.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on 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
- identifies the children with the school and when out on trips
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind

Uniform

Items marked * are available from the School Office

School logo red cardigan/sweatshirt
School tartan pinafore dress or tartan skirt
Dark grey slim/regular fit school trousers
School logo/plain white polo shirt
Grey tights or white/grey socks
Black school shoes (not trainers)
Summer – red and white striped dress
Summer – dark grey slim/regular fit school shorts
School logo red back pack*
School logo red baseball cap*
School logo/plain reversible red fleece jacket (**optional**)

PE Kit

School logo white t-shirt
Red sports shorts
Black Velcro Plimsolls
School logo red PE bag*
Plain grey PE jogging bottoms
School sweatshirt or plain grey sweatshirt to match joggers.
Chalfont St Peter red PE hoodie (**optional**)

ALL ARTICLES SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

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, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes or sandals in school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school, as this is in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Jewellery

On Health and Safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. However, if ears are newly pierced then they must be taped up for the 6-week healing period, after which studs/earrings **must not** be worn at school.

Hair

Parents should ensure that if their child's hair is long enough, it should be securely tied back with a plain red scrunchie/band. Hairbands should be plain red and thin – no bows please.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy, as written in the Home School Agreement. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Please do speak to us in confidence, if you need any help with providing correct uniform.

The Role of Governors

Guidance from the Department of Children, Schools and Families (2009) states:

"There is no legislation that deals specifically with school uniform, dress codes or other aspects of appearance such as hair colour and style, and the wearing of jewellery and make-up. It is for governing bodies to decide whether there should be a school uniform and other rules relating to appearance, and if so, what they should be. This flows from their responsibility to oversee the running of the school and for their duty to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline among the pupil body.

Head Teachers can discipline pupils for breach of uniform/appearance policy as they have overall responsibility for maintaining discipline. However, the DCSF does not consider exclusion to be an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform/appearance policy, except where they are persistent and defiant.

Schools should consult widely on proposed school uniform policies and changes to established policies. They should ensure their policies are fair and reasonable and have regard to their obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and anti-discrimination legislation. They should also give high priority to the cost of the uniform. Schools should ensure that the chosen uniform is affordable and does not act as a barrier to parents when choosing a school. They should be able to demonstrate to parents how best value has been achieved and keep the cost of supplying the uniform under review."

The Governing Body aims to ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in the implementation of the School Uniform Policy outlined above and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and seeks to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the School's Equality and Cohesion Policy.

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