

Uniform Policy

The Crescent Primary School



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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

We respectfully request that before purchasing any item that is not specifically listed that you check with school to ensure suitability. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe, as far as possible, a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our School Uniform Policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch and earring studs in pierced ears.

Extreme Haircuts and General Appearance

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children:

- Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines).
- Long hair should be tied back at all times. This is an important preventative measure in minimising the spread of head lice. Long hair should be tied back using simple, and appropriately sized, ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides in school colours. If children come to school without their long hair tied back, they will be supplied with elastic bands to effect this.
- Hair should be of a 'natural' colour.

Parents should also be aware that hair braids with beads, temporary tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of makeup are not permitted.

We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts and trousers, and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Footwear

Children should wear black shoes to school (not trainers). We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Black boots are only acceptable in the winter months, where they are both practical and necessary. Your child should wear shoes which he/she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity.

Uniform

The Crescent Primary School uniform can be purchased locally from the school supplier Skoolkit. However, uniform items without The Crescent logo, e.g. trousers and skirts, can be purchased from other suppliers. **All articles of clothing and shoes should be clearly marked with the child's name.**

- Red sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan, preferably with school logo,
- White polo shirt, preferably with school logo,
- Grey straight or pleated school skirt, grey trousers or grey pinafore dress. The hems on skirts and pinafore dresses should be on or below the knee,

- Grey school trousers or shorts,
- Black, smartly kept shoes.
- In summer, red checked (not striped) dress with hems on or below the knee, grey or white socks or grey tights,
- Black, smartly kept shoes.
- Grey socks

PE Kit

- T-shirt or polo shirt in house colour,
- Black PE shorts/cycle shorts,
- Black plimsolls or trainers – with Velcro fastenings for younger children
- Black joggers for outdoor use in cold weather,
- Drawstring bag (clearly labelled with child's name)

School Bags

A red book bag will be provided to children in Reception Year which is robust enough to last throughout KS1.

Children in Key Stage 2 should bring a suitable bag to school in which to put their homework and reading book.

Extreme Weather

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In summer, it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or snowy weather.

As outdoor play is a significant part of the Early Years curriculum, the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage should be dressed appropriately for all kinds of weather. Although we have shelters, it is important to provide an appropriate raincoat for wet and cold days. Hats, gloves and Wellington boots would also be items of clothing that we recommend could be provided for the children.

Lost Property

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Table of Changes

Policy Date	Changes
January 2025	Change to branding