

Corbridge Church of England First School School Uniform Policy

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;
- prevents children from coming to school in branded clothing.
- 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.

It is our policy that all children 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 below:

Our School Uniform

We have a standard uniform for children which we encourage them to wear to feel part of the BFS / CFS family and have safe comfortable clothing for their time in school. We hope children feel proud to be identified as part of our school!

Our Uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- Yellow polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan
- White, Blue, Black or Grey socks or tights
- A blue & white gingham dress may be worn in the summer
- Plain black school shoes or boots (no sandals or trainers)

P.E. Kit

- Royal blue shorts
- Yellow, round neck t-shirt (no buttons or fastenings)
- Grey sweatshirt & track-suit bottoms (for outdoor P.E. & swimming)
- Socks & trainers (outdoors), plimsolls (Indoors)
- Drawstring P.E. bag (clearly named)

Things your child will need for Outdoor Learning / Forest Schools

- All weather suit (waterproof jacket and trousers);
- Named wellington boots;
- Warm clothing/layers.

All uniform, PE kits, bags, coats, shoes and wellies need to be clearly labelled with the child's name. Items can be acquired with the school logo but it is not compulsory for uniform to all be branded.

All children need a bag to bring their reading books, homework and water bottle to school each day. Book Bags are available from our uniform suppliers. These are very good quality and have a space for the child's name which helps them to look after their own belongings in school.

Jewellery and Hairstyles

The wearing of jewellery, especially earrings, is not allowed because of the possible danger to the wearer and to other pupils. Earrings must not be worn during PE, for reasons of safety (this includes swimming). The school accepts no responsibility for the safekeeping or removal of any jewellery or watches. Children should have long hair tied back and hair should not be dyed or styled in extreme fashions, including rats tails and tramlines, during term time. Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

The Role of Parents

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

If any parent would like to discuss anything arising from this policy and discuss any changes that may be required for cultural reasons, they should contact the Executive Head Teacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Executive Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Executive Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- considering, with the Executive Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Executive Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

DFE statutory Guidance – Published on 19th November 2021 states

'Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable. In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.'

Corbridge CofE First School is confident that our uniform is provided by a best value supplier (SALTO UK). Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, EYFS book bags, KS1/2 back packs, PE kits, PE bags, (all with school logo) can be purchased from Salto UK Ltd. Salto UK Tel: 01661 835240 / www.saltouk.com.

Pre Loved Uniform

Some preloved items of uniform are available to be viewed and by contacting the school office.