



## Rationale

At Fonthill we believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Our uniform reflects the school community, standards and expectations. It is one of the ways in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity

## Aims

Through our school uniform policy we aim to:

- Promote a sense of pride in the school
- Support positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourage identity with, and support for the school ethos
- Ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Support effective teaching and learning

## Guidelines

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

## Teaching staff will

- Support the uniform policy
- Challenge children (and their parents) who do not arrive in school uniform
- Help to find spare uniform for children who need to borrow it
- Help locate lost, named items where possible

## Children will

- Wear school uniform to and from school, at school, and when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

## Parents will

- Support the school uniform policy
- Ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it is clean and in good repair
- Label all items of school uniform

## School uniform - Winter and cooler weather

- Navy or black trousers or knee-length skirts
- White or yellow polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or navy fleece jacket
- Navy Hijab

## School uniform - Summer and warmer weather

- Navy or black trousers, trouser shorts or knee-length skirts
- White or yellow polo shirt
- Summer dresses in blue check (no Lemon from Sept 2013)
- Navy Hijab

## Outdoor Clothing

- Warm, waterproof jacket, navy fleece
- Hat, gloves, sun-hat in warm weather

## PE

For health and safety reasons, all children must be dressed appropriately for physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls should be worn, or bare feet for gymnastics only.

Boys and girls wear navy shorts, white t shirt, socks and trainers. These should be kept in a named drawstring shoe bag. The kit should be kept in school and taken home at weekends and the end of term to be washed. All items of PE clothing should be identified with the child's name.

Children who go swimming need a towel, trunks (not long shorts) or costume and brush or comb, carried in a waterproof bag. Smart, non uniform tracksuits may be worn in the winter for outdoor P.E.

## Personal Property

Parents should label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.

## Jewellery and Fashion Items

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We expect the children to remove these objects during PE and games.

Children come to school to learn. Fashion items are best kept for home this includes accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel and jewellery other than stud earrings. Parents should also be aware that tattoos, including temporary tattoos, are not permitted.

## Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes hair colourings and shaved designs. Long hair on both girls and boys, should be tied back neatly. This is for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety: Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities. The wearing of a hijab (headscarf) in plain blue for religious reasons is permitted.

## Footwear

It is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, we do not allow this. We do allow the children to wear smart trainers (in a plain dark colour). If children cannot tie laces parents should ensure children their children have shoes with Velcro fastenings or buckles.

## Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

Initially children will be spoken to by staff and may be provided with a spare uniform. If non- wearing of the uniform is 'persistent' then parents will be involved.

*'The school can discipline your child for not wearing the school uniform'*

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) June 2014

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. However, we will try to ensure this is only a minor adaption and fits in with the main colour scheme. 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.

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