

## CROFTON SCHOOLS



## UNIFORM POLICY

Crofton Infant and Junior Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Staff Responsible:

Head Teacher

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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Date	Change
March 2018	Title ' Racial equality and Equal Opportunities changed to 'Equality Statement'.
May 2018	Page 7- Hairstyles. 'Long hair for both boys and girls should be tied back neatly' changed to 'long hair should be tied back neatly'.
February 2019	Page 7 – Jewellery – Sentence added for clarity: “If the child is unable to remove the earrings please be aware that they will not be able to participate in PE sessions until they are able to do so. For this reason, we would suggest that, if you are thinking of getting your child’s ears pierced, you arrange to do so at the start of the summer holiday to allow time to heal.”

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## **Uniform Policy**

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

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

**We have a required school uniform for several reasons:**

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Crofton uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

### **Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy**

Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the year group leader or class teacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event or topic entry point activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

## Equality Statement

We have considered the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

## Uniform Details

Grey knee length skirt, grey pinafore dress, grey trousers or grey knee length shorts.	Grey trousers or knee length shorts.
Purple sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with logo.	Purple sweatshirt with logo.
White or purple polo shirt or white shirt or blouse.	White or purple polo shirt or white shirt or blouse.
White or grey knee length or white or grey ankle socks.	Grey or black socks
Grey tights	Black hard- soled shoes
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Hair accessories should be small and either purple, black or white.	
<b>Summer Term only-</b>	
Purple checked dress (optional)	

<b>PE Kit – Infant School.</b>	<b>PE Kit- Junior School</b>
Purple shorts	Black shorts
White T Shirt	Polo shirt of house colour*
Black Plimsolls	Trainers or black plimsolls
Purple jogging bottoms ( optional)	PE bag in house colour*
Purple PE bag (optional)	Black jogging bottoms and sweatshirt in house colour for cold weather ( optional)*

*\*Parents will be informed of their child's house colours on joining the school*

Purple fleeces can be purchased and worn as an extra layer outside but not instead of a sweatshirt or cardigan inside school.

The PTA at the Junior School and PSA at the Infant School both stock the listed uniform and you can obtain information from both school offices.

School trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafore dresses and polo shirts can be bought from high street stores or school shops.

### Outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Hats, scarves and boots should not to be worn inside the school buildings. Hats should be worn outside during the hotter summer months.

### Bags and belongings

A book bag with Crofton logo is available for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. A PE bag with Crofton logo is also available for carrying PE kit to and from school.

### Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights are not appropriate for school. Boots are not allowed. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term. In the case of extreme weather children can wear boots to school but must change into a pair of shoes on arrival to school.

Acceptable Shoes		Unacceptable Shoes	
			
			

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### Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and tidy at all times. Long hair should be tied back neatly. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

### Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

### Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may wear a watch (with no sound effects, cameras or games) and may wear one pair of small, stud earrings which must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE by the child or taken out at home. If the child is unable to remove the earrings please be aware that they will not be able to participate in PE sessions until they are able to do so. For this reason, we would suggest that, if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, you arrange to do so at the start of the summer holiday to allow time to heal.

*Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.*

### Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

## **Lost Property**

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property cupboard. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this cupboard. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is put out for parents at the end of term.

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