School Uniform Policy 2025

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For ease of writing and reading, throughout this policy, the term ‘parent’ is used. ‘Parent’ should be taken to refer to anyone with a parental or caring role, temporary or permanent, in a child’s life. This includes; foster and adoptive parents, special guardians, grandparents and other family members.		

Introduction

It is Curridge Primary School's 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 in this policy.

The Department of Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone for learning.

When considering how the school uniform should be sourced our governing body gives highest priority to the consideration of cost and value for money for parents. Our school uniform is easily available for parents to purchase and we have selected items that can be purchased cheaply, for example in a supermarket or other good value shop. Branded items are kept to a minimum and can be purchased from Skoolkit Newbury – Parkway Newbury RG14 1AY. https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1179 chosen after the school carefully researched the value for money offered.

Curridge Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher. Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code, or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner. The school must balance the rights of individual pupils against the best interests of the school community as a whole. Nevertheless, it should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within a school uniform policy and the governing board will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies the children with the school
- Supports our commitment to inclusion
- Prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered good value for money by most parents

School uniform

- Grey trousers, shorts, tunics or skirts
- Green and white gingham dresses or skirts
- White shirts or polo shirts; bottle green polo shirts
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White, grey, socks or grey or green tights
- Purple sweatshirts or cardigans with the school logo are worn in Year 6.

Footwear

All school shoes should be black with a strap or fastenings of Velcro, buckles or laces. School shoes should **not** be trainers, boots, open-toed sandals, novelty shoes with flashing lights, ballet slippers or plimsolls. Our outdoor environment is used throughout the year and outdoor footwear, such as wellingtons or boots, may be worn as appropriate for the weather. Rowan Class will need a pair of wellington boots to play outdoors all year.
As far as is possible, children should be able to remove, put on and fasten their shoes independently.

P.E Kit

Indoors (and outdoors in good weather):

- Green and black branded t-shirts
- Green and black shorts
- Trainers, or bare feet for safety reasons
- P.E socks.

Outdoors (in cold weather):

- Green and black tracksuit trousers
- Green and black branded hoodie
- Trainers
- P.E socks.

P.E kit is available from Skoolkit Newbury - Parkway Newbury RG14 1AY.
https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1179
School can help with the cost of school kit on application, in confidence, to the school office.

Please be aware that plimsolls are no longer considered suitably supportive for sporting activities.

Children may come into school in their P.E kit. A change of clothes is necessary if the weather is likely to mean children get wet or dirty during their P.E lesson.

Bags

Because of space restrictions drawstring bags should be used for P.E kit, not rucksacks. Drawstring bags and book bags with the school logo are available from Skoolkit

Jewellery

Watches may be worn in school but they are brought to school at the owner's risk. If alarm watches are worn and prove a nuisance we reserve the right to prevent the wearing of these in classrooms. Earrings can be worn but only the stud type. During P.E, if it is not possible to remove ear studs, they should be taped over. (Please supply your own tape). Teachers are not permitted to remove, insert or store ear studs.

Hair

There are several times during the day when, for health and safety reasons, shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. These include during science experiments, using the fire pit, during P.E and during break and lunch times when playground equipment is being used. Therefore, we request that children with shoulder length or longer hair come to school with their hair tied up in readiness for these activities. This also has the added benefits of children being able to see their work and teachers being able to see if pupils are engaged in their work.

Lost property

All items worn or brought to school should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Clearly named lost property is returned to the child when found. Unmarked lost property is collected in the unit in the front entrance of school which parents are welcome to look through at the end of the school day. While we will try to help trace lost items, staff do not always have the time to track down items which are not clearly marked.

Buying uniform

Sweatshirts, sweatshirt cardigans, t-shirts, polo shirts, baseball caps, waterproof fleeces, book bags and PE bags with the school emblem may be purchased from Skoolkit Newbury
If payment presents any difficulty please speak, in confidence, to Mrs. Brock in the School Office.

Pre-loved uniform

Many items of pre-loved, good quality uniform are available from the school PTA. Please speak with the office if you wish to purchase anything. Washed and ironed donations in good condition are welcomed.

The role of governors

The governors support the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the 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 that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility in the uniform policy for an individual pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

Complaints

Disputes about school uniforms should be pursued and resolved in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy.