



Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy for 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;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

School uniform providers

In accordance with the preceding principles, certain items of school uniform can only be purchased from the school's nominated providers*. These are the jumper and cardigan (sweatshirt style) and the PE kit: shorts and T-shirt. The PE bag with logo can only be purchased from Your School Uniform. Other items forming part of the uniform are widely available from high street shops and supermarkets.

The school tie for Junior children is only available from the school office.

School uniform

Devonshire Primary School uniform is as follows.

Nursery

The Nursery does not have a uniform, but please follow these recommendations:

- trousers should be jogging bottoms or have elasticated waists;
- sensible shoes or trainers (**NOT** flip flops, **NO** laces); and
- washable clothes which your child can be independent in.

Your School Uniform and Cladish our uniform providers, sell a royal blue sweatshirt with the school logo as worn by our Infant children. This may be worn in the Nursery. Your School Uniform also sells matching jogging bottoms.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children

Royal blue crew neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with the school logo printed or embroidered on it (a V neck may be worn if preferred for ease of wear)

Boys

Grey shorts or long trousers

White shirt or white air-tex polo shirt

Grey socks

Girls

White blouse or white air-tex polo shirt

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Summer - pale blue and white striped or check dress

White or grey socks

PE kit

Royal blue shorts

Gold T-shirt

Black plimsolls

PE bag

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

All children

Royal blue V necked sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with the school logo printed or embroidered on it

Boys

White shirt or in summer only - white air-tex polo shirt

School tie

Grey long trousers or shorts

Grey socks

Girls

White blouse or in summer only - white air-tex polo shirt

School tie

Grey skirt or pinafore dress or trousers

Summer – pale blue and white striped or check dress

White or grey socks

PE kit

Royal blue shorts

Gold T-shirt

Black plimsolls

PE bag

Footwear for Reception, Years 1 - 6

Everyday footwear must be safe and sensible for playground and indoor use. No narrow or raised heels are allowed. Children should wear sensible **black** school shoes with flat heels (no boots please). Older children may change into plimsolls or trainers in the lunch break if parents wish.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery other than ear studs is not allowed, as it can be dangerous both to the wearer and others. Older children may also wear watches. Children will be asked to remove ear studs and watches for swimming and PE.

Hair

All children, girls and boys, are requested to have their hair tied back when it is long enough to do so. This is both for smartness and health and safety reasons. All long hair must be tied back for PE and cookery.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean, in good repair and named.

Any parent wanting to request special dispensation with regard to school uniform should apply to the Headteacher.

The role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher:

- is responsible for ensuring compliance with this uniform policy;
- may grant special dispensation on the basis of a temporary medical need; and
- will refer all other requests for special dispensation to the governing body.

The role of the governing body

The governing body is responsible for deciding the requirements for school uniform and other rules relating to appearance. This follows from the duties placed upon the governing body by statute to conduct the school and to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.

Parents, pupils and staff have been consulted in drawing up this policy. In addition the governing body have been mindful of their obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 and this policy is an integral part of the school's commitment to equality and inclusion. The governing body believes this uniform policy allows all pupils to establish a shared Devonshire identity and celebrate what they have in common, whilst respecting diversity.

The Headteacher will consider all requests for dispensation from this policy in the case of a medical need. The governing body will consider all requests for special dispensation for any other reason and parents should make a written request to the Headteacher who will refer the matter to the governing body for decision at its next full meeting. The correct school uniform must be worn until such dispensation is given.

(Guidance February 2013 Special dispensation must be obtained before any form of head covering is worn to school. The governing body has currently approved the wearing of a hijab in the school colour for girls in the **upper junior classes only**, subject to certain conditions such as removal for PE on the grounds of health and safety.)

*** School uniform providers**

We have two suppliers for the sale of school uniform items:

- Your School Uniform - order online or by post
- Cladish in Wallington – order online or by post

Parents/carers are advised to check the prices carefully, to be aware which items have the school logo and which items are compulsory as stated in this policy.

For more information see the school website www.devonshireprimary.org or enquire at the school office.