



Coton-in-the-Elms C/E Primary School

Uniform Policy

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1. Overview

We believe that children achieve best in a purposeful, interesting and challenging environment. Teaching and learning are of prime importance. However, a child's attitude to education and the promotion of a structured learning environment are vital to their success. School uniform supports the development of a positive approach to learning.

We believe there are practical advantages for parents in the introduction of school uniform. For example there are no decisions or arguments to be had about "what to wear" for school.

School uniform also helps the school to look smart and children are easily identified on school trips.

We also believe in ensuring that our children are prepared for not only their future world of work outside school but also their transition to secondary school.

We respect religious and cultural dress and will discuss uniform requirements on an individual basis with parents/carers.

We recognise that some children have sensory needs and wearing school uniform can cause some distress/anxiety. The school will work with parents/carers to support them to meet the needs of the individual child, making any adjustments to the policy as required.

2. Principles

Parents will be encouraged to include our school badge on uniform although this is not compulsory.

School uniform is intended to be smart, conventional and free from fashion extremes.

School uniform is also worn to help identification and to create a more secure establishment.

All items of clothing shall be "school wear" not fashion items.

The school will endeavour to ensure minimum cost is incurred to achieve an acceptable standard.

The Headteacher's decision on suitable items will be final.

The school will adopt a rigorous programme to maintain school uniform and will enforce these standards consistently believing it leads to excellence.

3. The uniform

- Grey or black trousers (No "skinny tight" trousers)
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Grey knee length school skirt
- Polo shirt (to be tucked in) for children in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4
- Red v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan
- White or grey socks
- Grey/black/red tights
- Plain white shirt for children in Year 5 and 6
- Red and white clip on striped tie for children in Year 5 and 6
- Red checked summer dresses for Reception – Year 4 pupils
- Summer hat or cap

- (optional – Red reversible (fleece/waterproof) coat, winter hats, scarves and gloves)
- Children attending nursery are excused from the policy but the school, expects parents/carers to be sensible regarding children’s attire.

PE Kit:

- T shirt in house colours
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor P/E / Cold days.

Hair:

- Hair must be natural colour and must not be extreme hairstyle e.g., tramlines or shaved all over
- Any accessories should be sensible and school colour co-ordinated
- Long hair must be tied back when in school.

Jewellery:

- Plain watches may be worn
- Plain studs in each ear and these must be taken out by the children themselves or not worn on the day of PE/Swimming.

School bag:

- A school bag which should be of a suitable size to fit on a school (coat) peg.

4. School Trips

It is expected that pupils will wear school uniform on school trips to enable easy identification of children in crowded areas and to maintain the smart appearance of children from Coton-in-the-Elms CE Primary School. It may be necessary for clothing other than uniform to be appropriate for the activity which is being undertaken e.g., outdoor pursuits. Parents/carers will be informed if clothing for a school trip is to be different from the normal school uniform.

5. Compliance

The class teacher will speak to parents/carers of children who are not wearing the correct school uniform. Children may be expected to wear items from a small stock of uniform items held in school. In extreme circumstances ~~pupils~~ children may be required to return home to change their attire.

Occasionally, the school holds a “non-uniform” day where children are permitted to wear clothing other than school uniform. Parents/carers will be notified in advance of such events.