

Firs Farm Primary School

Uniform Policy

Our Principles

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities and has worked hard in considering a suitable uniform to support our varied religious beliefs and customs. This school uniform policy is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and to encourage pupils to wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Our Approach

The uniform policy has been reviewed to meet parents' desire for children to feel comfortable about whom they are, feel a sense of belonging and promote a sense of pride in the school.

Our approach to school uniform is therefore based on the principles of:

Practicality - The uniform is designed to be practical and smart. Decisions are based on common sense and what works within the school environment with health and safety in mind

Family support - Families overwhelmingly requested a school uniform. The School will support families in enabling children to wear correct school uniform.

Consistency - Uniform should be worn at all times to achieve its aim of creating a sense of community and helping children to feel equal to their peers.

Expectations – All children will wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event or activity organised by school. Any exceptions to this policy will be communicated to parents clearly in advance.

Sports kit will be worn for all PE lessons, sports activity clubs and on days when children have class outdoor sport lessons. Children attending sports activity clubs before or after school should wear normal school uniform during the day.

The Uniform

Firs Farm Primary school uniform consists of:

- **Maroon:** Fleece (outdoor wear only) Sweatshirts and Jumpers
- **White:** Polo Shirt
- **Grey:** Skirts / Pinafores
- **Grey or Black** trousers
- **Red** check or stripe summer dress
- **Socks/tights** should be plain black, white or grey. Leggings are prohibited
- **Coats** Children can wear any appropriate coat to school

- **Footwear** Children should wear practical, safe footwear that allows them to move freely and looks smart with their uniform. All footwear should be plain and in black. Children should wear shoes that are firmly attached to their feet. Loose fitting flip-flops, platforms or high heels should not be worn. Sandals should have a strap. Children in Y5 & Y6 may change into trainers at lunchtime. No trainers/ boots to be worn indoors. For PE, all children should wear a pair of sports trainers or plimsolls.

- **Maroon** book bag

P.E kit:

- **School PE** T- shirt (house colours)
- **Plain** black shorts
- **Plain** black trainers
- **Plain** black tracksuit bottoms
- **Maroon** PE bag

Where to buy school uniform

The school uniform has been designed to be convenient to buy, affordable, good quality and long lasting. Most school uniform items can be bought as standard from any large supermarket (e.g. Asda, Tesco, Primark etc). Some school uniform items such as clothing with logo, school bags & summer dresses can only be bought from:

Lyons School Shop

242 Hertford Road

Enfield

Middlesex EN3 5BL

020 880 3627

www.uniform4kids.com

When buying school uniform items from shops, please try to make sure they meet the specifications and colours. This will help us all to have a consistent school uniform.

Jewellery and Headwear

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery other than small stud earrings in our school. **These should be removed for PE.**

Headscarves or hijabs may be worn for medical/ religious reasons and should be plain white or black only. **They should be removed for PE.**

Hair

Long hair should be tied up at all times. Ribbons and hair fastenings should be simple in the school colours of burgundy, black, grey or white. **No** excessive hairstyles (e.g. shaved logos, patterns or spikey gel) are permitted.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

The role of parents

We ask all parents to support the uniform policy by making sure that their children wear correct school uniform every day. If parents encounter any difficulties with school uniform, they are invited to discuss it with a member of staff. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school in the correct uniform.

The role of staff

The role of school staff is to support families in enabling their children to wear correct school uniform and to ensure that school uniform is worn consistently and safely throughout school.

If a child attends school without a correct item of uniform:

- They will go to the school office to borrow a spare, if available
- A note will be made of the incident
- A letter will be sent to parents by school office

If a child regularly attends school without a correct item of uniform, school staff (Welfare/ Uniform Monitor) will meet with families to understand the cause of the problem and support them.

The role of children

We ask all children to wear their uniform to school and to cooperate with adults in helping them to have the right uniform items.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body agrees the school uniform policy and supports the Head teacher to implement it. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

The Governing Body will review the school uniform policy every term for academic year 2016/17, and annually after that.