

# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY.

## School Uniform

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Person/s Responsible	Staff and Governing Body.

### Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear our compulsory school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Uniform can be purchased from the school office with the logo, from local supermarkets without the logo and from regular second-hand uniform sales by the PTA.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, are detailed in the school uniform section.

### Aims and objectives

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 their school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is available from a range of sources making it available to all.

### Jewellery, Hair, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. *Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings or cover with tape*

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunches' should be green, grey, white or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers, ears or other items attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Children with shoulder length or longer hair should come to school with their up in a ponytail, plait or bunches. This would help to reduce the spread of head lice around the school, and would meet the Health and Safety requirements of lessons such as PE, Technology etc. Tied back hair can consist of half-up, half-down hair styles but should keep hair away from the child's face.

**Footwear** For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes **without logos or any additional colour or flashing lights** as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to

change into their shoes whilst inside the school building. A pair of trainers is also required for outside play/PE.

### **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Parents will be sent a letter from the class teacher if their child/ren do not have the correct uniform or PE kit in school. Requests to make any adaptations to the school uniform must be made in writing to the Headteacher. Each request will be considered on an individual basis.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports 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.

### **School Uniform**

Our compulsory school uniform consists of:

- Bottle green sweatshirt / cardigan with / without the school logo
- Bottle green fleece is optional with / without school logo
- White polo shirt with / without the school logo
- Plain grey or black tailored trousers / skirt / shorts / dress
- Bottle green / white checked Summer dresses (optional)
- PE Kit - Bottle green/ black shorts and white T-shirt (with / without school logo)
- In addition, children may also wear plain grey/black jogging bottoms for outside PE in the winter months ONLY. A plain grey / black hooded top / jacket may also be worn.
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers, no logos or material in any colour – shoes must be flat and no open toes
- Black trainers for outside play / PE
- Plain hat / cap for summer without logo
- Coat that is appropriate for school - as bright as possible for dark winter night visibility
- White / Grey / Black socks or tights – appropriate to the weather – no pictures on socks

**PE Kit**

PE kit should be worn to school unless notified by the school of a change due to the weather. All school uniform and PE kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything. For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

If you are unable to source or maintain uniform standards please contact the school office as we may be able to offer support.