



**Coatham Church of England
School**

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

COATHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



“Learn not for school, but for life”

We are a supportive church school community where every individual is accepted, their interests encouraged, and where everyone is supported to learn to believe in themselves. Through varied and creative learning experiences, we want our children to be successful and resilient, now and in their future, both in this unique community and further afield.

Our Christian values of Friendship, Respect and Fairness run through all of our teaching and learning and help us to understand that we can all make a positive difference to our world, as we love our neighbours as ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

Uniform and Appearance Code

Introduction

At Coatham C of E Primary School it is our policy that all children should 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 and our school prospectus.

AIMS

School uniform and appearance plays a valuable role in contributing to our ethos. Staff and governors feel that wearing a uniform sets an appropriate tone. (Most schools in England have a school uniform or dress code, and other rules on appearance.) The Dfe (government dept. for education) strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can-

- instil pride;
- support positive behaviour and discipline;
- encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos;
- ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome;
- protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Is practical and smart
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Above all, we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

Protecting young people from external pressure to wear clothing they would not otherwise choose to adopt, protecting them from harassment, and from having to adopt dress codes associated with extreme or anti-social elements in the wider community, including styles and colours of clothing associated with gangs;

Promoting a strong, cohesive, school identity that supports high standards and a sense of identity among pupils: if some children look very different to their peers, this can inhibit integration, equality and cohesion;

We felt there was a need to promote harmony between different groups represented in the school.

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The governing body has ensured that its school uniform policy is fair and reasonable. It is affordable and does not act in any way as a barrier to parents when choosing our school on the grounds of race, gender or disability.

The uniform we have chosen is widely available in high street shops and other retail outlets, and internet suppliers rather than from an expensive sole supplier. This, applies equally to sports kits and any other specialist equipment.

REVIEW

As part of our school evaluation, the governing body regularly review the school uniform policy and respond to parents/carers and pupils views as appropriate. We consider carefully, any request that is made to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief; The governors also consider carefully, any request that is made to vary the policy to meet the needs of an individual pupil because of temporary or permanent medical conditions. For example, pupils with some skin conditions may be unable to wear specific fabrics, and pupils with foot or leg injuries may be unable to wear school shoes.

When making a decision about the uniform and appearance policy, the following points were agreed by the governing body;

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The school has a right to expect that long hair can be safely tied back for work in school. Similarly, we feel children should not wear jewellery or false nails as they can pose a safety risk or might place a pupil at increased risk of bullying and harassment; the exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears; we ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster.

SECURITY

The school needs to be able to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and identify intruders easily;

TEACHING AND LEARNING

If a pupil's face is obscured for any reason, the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning, and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities;

ROLE OF PARENTS AND CARERS

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform and appearance policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

Boys winter

Grey /black smart trousers
Red school sweat shirt with school logo
White polo shirt school logo

Boys summer

Red school sweat shirt with school logo
White polo shirt with school logo
Trousers or shorts/grey /black smart

Girls winter

Grey /black skirt, smart trousers, pinafore or smart shorts
Red school sweat shirt or cardigan with school logo
White polo shirt school logo

Girls summer

Red checked dress
Grey /black skirt, smart trousers, pinafore or smart shorts
Red school sweat shirt or cardigan with logo
White polo shirt school logo

Please note children must bring a coat to school each day in the winter months.

Footwear

Good serviceable dark coloured shoes (we acknowledge that some serviceable dark coloured shoes are a trainer like design) The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

Sports/PE

All children must change from school uniform into PE/sports kit. PE/sports kit. Must be in school at all times as timetable may vary.

White/red t-shirt school logo

Black shorts plain- no fancy long shorts please as they are not suitable for apparatus work.

Track suit for outdoor work

Draw string PE bag or small shoulder bag – not large sports bags as we have limited cloakroom space.

PE shoes black plimsolls or bare feet for in door work

e.g. gymnastics/dance

trainers for outdoor work. (change of footwear for outdoor work)

All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name/initials.

The code also precludes the use of strong hair colours and extreme hairstyles, also the wearing of jewellery, false nails of any kind and makeup (including false eyelashes).

The school dress and appearance code also precludes the wearing of denim, designer t-shirts sports clothing e.g. track suits football kits trainers etc. or other similar items of casual wear.