

Costock C of E Primary School Uniform Policy

Introduction

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 within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school:
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging:
- supports positive behaviour and discipline:
- is practical and smart:
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school:
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance:
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition:
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

The Role of Parents

We respectfully request all parents who send their children to our school support the school uniform policy. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe, as far as possible, a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps. We encourage parents and carers to contact the school if they are unsure about any aspect of the policy or if they have difficulty abiding by it for any reason.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform Requirements

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with school logo
- Red polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- Grey school trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts (red & white checked sundress in summer months)
- Dark socks (white socks acceptable for girls)
- Grey or red tights

PE Kit Requirements

- Plain white t-shirt with or without school logo
- Black shorts
- Black plimsolls for indoor use (on odd occasions children may be required to be bare footed depending on the particular activity)
- Sweatshirts and dark jogging bottoms/leggings may be worn for games during winter months
- Trainers for outdoor use

Footwear

Children should wear black, smartly kept shoes to school (not trainers). We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Black boots are only acceptable in the winter months, however fashion boots eg. Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn.

Jewellery, Hair and Make-up

On health and safety grounds jewellery, other than watches, is not permitted and studs or sleepers only are to be worn in pierced ears. Children must remove or cover these items during PE to prevent them from causing injury. Hair braids with beads, tattoos, and make-up are not permitted. Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style.

School Uniform Supplier

The Costock school uniform, including sweatshirts, fleeces, polo shirts and PE t-shirts are sold at cost can be purchased from the school supplier Big Fish. We are also happy for it to be sourced from the school uniform ranges available at stockists such as department stores or supermarkets, as long as it reflects the appropriate school colours as identified within this policy.

Second hand uniform

Sales of second hand clothing are also held regularly. These are advertised around the school in advance.

Lost Property

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.