

**Unity Federation of Church of England and
Community Academies – Colkirk and
Sculthorpe Church of England Primary
Academies and Little Snoring Community
Primary Academy**

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is Unity Federation's policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo-shirts/ shirts and take a pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the school logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy.

"We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers".

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings but will use surgical tape to cover earrings where a child is unable to remove them for themselves.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes and these should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black.

Cold Weather

In cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and should also wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Please note that the children have a weekly Forest Schools session and will need to come to school with clothes that are warm and reasonably waterproof.

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. Please ask at the school office or ask a member of staff if you have difficulties obtaining any of the items of school uniform.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of appropriate dress. They should ensure that they are role models, including not wearing blue denim to school unless on a trip or an outdoor activity such as Forest Schools. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the lost property box in the school hall. Pupils are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property.

Help providing Uniform

We understand that providing your child with school uniform can be an expensive time, particularly if you have two or more school-age children. Please contact the Head of School if you are having any difficulty equipping your child for school and we will do everything possible to help and support you. We do have second hand uniform available.

Parents whose children are eligible for Free School Meals may be able to access additional financial support for buying uniform.

Appendix 1

School uniform checklist

All school named uniform i.e. jumpers, polo shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies can be purchased by parents/carers directly with Argent Clothing (Birds in Dereham).

Please note that each school has a different colour for named uniformed items and that all school colours are available as plain polo shirts, jumpers etc. from any supermarket or high street chain:

Grey trousers/skirt (summer uniform can include a royal blue gingham A-line dress, grey shorts)

White/grey/black socks/tights

Black shoes/boots with low heel

Weatherproof coat/jacket

T-shirt/polo shirt, shorts/skirt and socks for P.E. – please make sure your child has a change of clothing for P.E.

For Forest School activity – any pair of trousers or jeans, jumper or sweatshirt, weatherproof jacket or coat, wellington boots or weatherproof shoes.