

The Abbey Primary School

Policy Statement: School Dress Code

At The Abbey Primary School we aim to foster a feeling of community within our school.

We prefer all children to wear school uniform. We believe that it is smart, it gives the school an identity and it gives the child a sense of belonging.

We believe that staff are role models for pupils and should dress accordingly.

We believe that both staff and pupils should dress appropriately for the activities they are undertaking.

We know that the majority of The Abbey parents wish their children to wear school uniform and we encourage all parents to support our dress code.

Guidelines for Implementation

Pupil's Dress

Our school uniform is red, grey/black and white as follows:

- Polo shirts white or red
- Trousers or shorts grey or black
- Skirts and pinafore dresses grey or black
- Summer dresses red and white stripe or check
- Fleeeces red with school logo
- Sweatshirts/cardigans red with school logo
- Socks/tights white, black or grey
- Shoes Brown, black or grey

Code of Dress

We ask parents **not** to send their children to school wearing:

- Jeans
- Unsuitable shoes e.g. high heels or flip flops
- Branded clothes
- Beach wear e.g. Bermuda shorts
- Sportswear e.g. football or cycle shorts or shell suits
- Make up, nail varnish or excessive amounts of hair gel
- Jewellery
- Extreme haircuts and styles

Dress for PE

During PE it is important for reasons of hygiene and safety that pupils and staff have a change of clothing. Pupils are required to bring trainers, a white or house colour T-shirt and a pair of navy or black shorts to school in a drawstring bag. PE uniform and bags are available to purchase from the school office.

Children may wear tracksuits for outdoor games in cold weather.

For swimming (Year 4) each child will need a towel and a one piece swimsuit.

We ask parents/carers to name all items of clothing.

Art and Craft

For some art and craft activities it is important to protect clothing. Children may be asked to provide an apron or old shirt for this purpose.

Jewellery

Pupils may wear watches, but we do not believe that jewellery is suitable for the school day. Pupils wearing jewellery will be asked to remove it.

Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain gold studs, but not sleepers or pendant earrings. Any pupil wearing pierced earrings must be able to remove and replace them themselves. The safety of our children is our first priority.

The Local Authority advise that all jewellery must be removed for PE. It would therefore be very helpful if pupils who wear stud earrings do not wear them on days when they have PE. All jewellery will need to be removed for PE/swimming lessons as stated in PE Health & Safety policy.

Staff Dress

All staff should be mindful that their dress sets an example to pupils. If staff dress smartly, pupils are more likely to follow suit.

Staff should therefore exercise professional judgement when deciding what to wear during the course of a normal school day. No jeans or denim should be worn during the normal school day.

For particular activities, such as teaching PE, it sets a good example to pupils if staff also change into suitable clothing. For reasons of safety, staff should always change into suitable footwear for PE.

Parents, Visitors and Governors

All parents, visitors and governors should dress in accordance with the Health & Safety and Safeguarding policy.

We expect to be able to identify everyone within the school without obstruction.

Implementing and monitoring this Policy

All staff are responsible for implementing this policy. Pupils should be praised when they are wearing appropriate clothing.

If children wear inappropriate clothing, make-up or jewellery, the class teacher should discuss the school dress code with them.

Staff should inform the headteacher if they feel that standards of dress are deteriorating in their class and the headteacher will communicate with parents where appropriate.

The headteacher shall be responsible for ensuring that staff dress appropriately.