



# School Uniform Policy

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## **Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **Aims**

Through this policy we aim to ensure that within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

The Governing body at Chancel Primary school will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.

## **Uniform**

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)
- Gold or burgundy polo shirt (preferably with school logo)
- Grey trousers/shorts/culottes
- Grey skirt (length appropriate for school i.e. knee length)/pinafore
- Black, sensible, safe, shoes or sandals in the summer (no flip flops to be worn)
- Socks and tights should be an appropriate colour for school – grey, black, burgundy...

Summer:

- Grey shorts
- Gingham dresses – red or yellow
- A cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit:

- Yellow/Gold T-Shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Plain Black Shorts
- Trainers for outdoor games only
- Some sports clubs will require studded boots and shin-pads
- Swimming kit consisting of one-piece costume for girls and trunks for boys, with swimming cap (no goggles permitted without a supporting note).

### Winter PE Kit

Following the Covid-19 Pandemic, pupils were encouraged to wear their Kit to school (on days they were time-tabled to take part in PE). This proved so successful, (due to no loss of learning time and no 'smelly' PE Kits hanging in corridors) that this remains in place. In light of making the coming to school in PE Kits a permanent feature of school, and in our efforts to maintain the high standards associated with our school (and its uniform), a Winter PE Kit was introduced (from January 2022) to avoid children wearing non-uniform 'sports clothes' as follows:

- Yellow/Gold T-Shirt (either Chancel branded or plain)
- Plain Black Short or Joggers
- Trainers
- Burgundy Hoody/zip-up (either Chancel branded or plain)

Whilst we understand that you may not be able to send your child into school wearing the correct PE Kit (for many reasons), if this is the case, then they must come to school wearing their school uniform, rather than 'non-uniform sports clothes' and bring their sports clothes into school with them.

### Bags:

- Burgundy PE bag for all year groups
- Burgundy bag, with separate water bottle storage
- A Chancel ruck-sack is currently under consideration\* (February 2022)

Year 6 are permitted to bring their own bags if they choose as they have their own corridor with additional storage space; forming part of their preparation for high school. Pupils in the remainder of the school must use the school bag, as it supports our school's anti-bullying policy to ensure no children can be discriminated against due to their uniform.

All the items above can be ordered through BluePrint\* in Rugeley (suppliers of Chancel uniform), with items such as grey skirts and trousers readily available from high street stores, **please note Chancel uniform colour is grey**. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

### Jewellery and watches

- In order to maintain high levels of health and safety for all, pupils must not wear jewellery to school, particularly as children can become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing.
- Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs only, should be worn; again to comply with health and safety regulations, which must be removed during all PE activities.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

### Make Up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos

- No make-up, nail varnish (on finger or toe nails), or temporary tattoos should be worn to school.

### Hair/Head Bands

While we are aware there are several styles of hairband available, not all are considered suitable for school. If your child wishes to wear a head/hairband to school, please ensure the design is discrete and appropriate.

### **Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body**

- The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to reinforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- The Governing Body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **Role of the Parents/Guardians**

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising.
- To ensure that footwear, winter-clothing (i.e. coats and boots) and summer-clothing; are appropriate for school, while providing children with suitable protection from the elements.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school's complaints procedure.

### **\*School Uniform Questionnaire – February 2022**

In response to questionnaire analysis (January/February 2022), school will ensure uniform is available from more than one supplier, along-with the possible introduction of school back-packs (to be confirmed and communicated with parents). Pre-loved uniform will be available annually, via community events.

### **Equality Information**

This policy is underpinned by the Equality Information and Objectives Policy for Chancel Primary School which is available on request.

### **As a dyslexia friendly school we take into account the needs of children with specific learning difficulties.**

This policy applies to the whole of Chancel Primary School, including the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The policy will be disseminated widely to all staff members, governors and parents and it will be reviewed every three years.

Approved by Governing Body (sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_