



UNIFORM POLICY

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Introduction

Our uniform identifies us as a community and reinforces our culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils are expected to dress in full school uniform as this is a very important part of our ethos and culture.

- Uniform unites us as a community: we learn, play and succeed together.
- Uniform reduces distractions: we are focused on our learning; pupils look smart and ready to learn.
- Uniform makes us all equal: we come to school looking the same way; no one has to feel awkward about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniform gives us all an identity about which we are proud.

Labelling

It is important that all school uniform and equipment is **labelled with your child's name**, so that any lost items can be quickly returned. School staff will not be able to spend time searching for or returning un-named items.

Chancel Primary School Uniform – Nursery to Year 6

The following **labelled** uniform should be worn by all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6, on ordinary school days:

- Burgundy sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper (available with school logo)
- Gold or burgundy polo shirt (available with school logo)
- Grey trousers/shorts/culottes
- Grey skirt (length appropriate for school i.e. knee length)/pinafore
- Summer - gingham dresses (burgundy, red or yellow)
- Black, grey or burgundy socks or tights
- Safe, practical black shoes (not trainers)
- During warmer weather, children are expected to wear a baseball, legionnaires or sun hat for sun safety when outdoors.
- During colder or wet weather, children must have a warm, waterproof coat, with a hood.

PE Kit & School Sports

The following **labelled** clothing is required, and is considered part of the school uniform:

- Yellow/Gold T-Shirt (available with logo)
- Plain black shorts/skorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers
- Burgundy Hoody/zip-up (available with logo)
- Swimming kit consisting of one-piece costume for girls and trunks for boys, with swimming cap (goggles permitted ONLY with a supporting note).

Children should come to school in their PE kit on the days indicated by the class teacher.

Replica football/sportswear and brand logos are not acceptable.

Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons and any other sporting activities.

The school reserves the right to request that parents correct any inappropriate item of uniform.

School bags (Reception-Year 5):

- Burgundy bag, with separate water bottle storage
- Chancel ruck-sack is currently under consideration
- Year 6 pupils ONLY are permitted to bring their own bags to aid transition to high school.

Logo uniform is available through Blueprint and Uniforms Plus in Rugeley.

<https://www.blueprint-designs.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear-uniforms/chancel-primary-school>

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Jewellery and watches

- Jewellery is limited to one wristwatch and small stud earrings which must be removed for PE (including swimming).

Chancel Primary School cannot accept liability for any missing or lost personal items.

Make-Up

The staff and governors do not believe that it is appropriate for children to wear make-up in school. Therefore, make-up, nail varnish, artificial nails and artificial tattoos are not accepted. These should be removed before returning to school after the weekend/holidays. Children may be asked to remove any such make-up in school or sent home with a parent to do so.

Hair

Children's hair must be worn in an appropriate style with no colouring, extreme styling or designs: Mohicans, lines/patterns, or shaven heads are not permitted. Hair accessories should be limited to simple headbands and bobbles, not tiaras, 'ears', etc.

Exceptional Circumstances

We recognise that in an increasingly multi-cultural community, there may be occasions where, for reasons of religious observance, parents may wish for their children to wear specific clothing or jewellery. Should parents request exemption from aspects of this policy, this will be openly discussed by the school leadership and, where appropriate, the governing body, with decisions made on a case-by-case basis.

If a child is unable to maintain appropriate uniform for a 'one-off' reason, i.e. damage to uniform, footwear becoming too small, then this should be discussed with staff and rectified as soon as is practical.

Pupils not wearing uniform

Should a pupil come to school in inappropriate uniform, where special circumstances have not been brought to the attention of staff, parents will be contacted and asked to rectify the issue. Pupils who consistently fail to wear appropriate uniform, where there are no accepted mitigating circumstances, may be sent home with a parent to rectify the issue. This will be a last resort, but is an option that will be considered in order to maintain good discipline and high standards for our school.

Supporting Parents

In line with government guidance, we seek to ensure that school uniform requirements are reasonable and affordable. We have taken the following steps to support parents:

- Working with local uniform providers to ensure good quality, value products are available;
- Not insisting on school logos;
- Choosing items and colours that can be bought from a range of providers, including supermarkets and discount clothing shops;
- Providing pre-loved/new uniform items to families in need on a case-by-case basis.

Complaints and Appeals

As with all school policies, parents will be referred to the school Complaint and Appeals policies, should they be unhappy with any decision or action made with regards to their child's uniform

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