

Four Elms  
Uniform policy  
2018



**FOUR ELMS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

### **Aims and objectives**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;

We believe that the children should all look smart and wear the same uniform. Uniform helps pupils to prepare for when they leave school and may have to dress smartly or wear a uniform. Uniforms can raise expectations of themselves; when dressed neatly, pupils tend to behave appropriately as they are taking pride in themselves.

Any child not in correct uniform may be sent to the office first thing, where they will exchange their 'non – uniform' for 'standard uniform' which will be loaned to them for the day. The child must go and return this at the end of the day and retrieve their personal belongings. Exchanged clothes will be signed in and out.

### **School Shoes**

All children are required to wear plain black shoes. For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. Black school shoes still remain an issue. Training shoes of any colour are not considered 'uniform'. I understand children want to wear trainers as they are comfortable and easy to run in at playtime. I propose that if your child wishes to wear trainers, they bring them and change into them at playtime. It has been agreed with staff that any child not wearing the correct school shoes during school time, will be given the option to borrow a pair of spare shoes or wear their plimsolls

### **Accessories and Jewellery**

No jewellery is permitted at school, with the exception of plain gold or silver round stud earrings. Children who are participating in PE, swimming, sports clubs and /or physical activities must not wear earrings. On days when these activities are scheduled children must leave their earrings at home. We do not want pupils removing and replacing earrings. This is due to the potential risk of injury, earrings being lost/stolen and the spread of infections. It is therefore recommended that children do not come to school wearing earrings on these days. Children will be asked to remove earrings and to store them themselves. Staff will not be responsible for the removal, insertion or storage of earrings.

Hair bands must be plain, scrunchies must be green in colour. Plain clips are permitted with no attachments.

Children are permitted to wear watches; however, these must be of a reasonable size. Oversized, chunky watches can often distract children from their learning. If a child wears a watch, it must be kept on their wrist, unless removed for PE.

### **Nail Varnish and Make-up**

Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted at any time and are not appropriate for school. Children who attend school wearing either, will be asked to remove them at the school office. (Nail varnish remover wipes will be used)

### **Hair**

We expect all pupils to have neat hair and styles appropriate for young children; extreme haircuts are not permitted. Closely or partly shaven head are not allowed (except for medical reasons), including lines, patterns or steps. Any child with long hair should have it tied back neatly at all times. Children are not permitted to have dyed hair.

## School bags

Children can either use the school book bag or the school rucksack, both of which are available to buy via the school trends website. Children should not have designer bags which are large.

## All children

Most of the uniform can be bought at local shops very cheaply but we do have a wide selection of pre-owned uniform. We would like all children to wear uniform that displays the school logo. Logoed uniform is purchased from <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/>

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| Winter | Charcoal grey/dark grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers<br>White polo shirt or shirt<br>Green logoed sweatshirt or cardigan (no hoodies)<br>Plain grey, green or white matching socks<br>Grey, black or green tights<br>Black, flat school shoes (not trainers or boots)<br>A school coat (ideally green or black)                                  |
| Summer | As above or<br>green check dress<br>Charcoal grey/dark grey shorts or skirt<br>Black, flat school shoes (not trainers or boots)<br>A lightweight raincoat/jacket (ideally green)  |
| PE Kit | Children should wear their PE kit all day on Mondays for their PE session but they may need their kit on other days. For example, after school sports clubs.<br>Black shorts<br>Green logoed tshirt<br>Black plimsolls or white trainers<br><b>Winter</b><br>A tracksuit and warm jumper for outdoor games lessons. (preferably green, black or grey) |

We believe that uniform is a key factor in helping children take pride in their school. Respect is one of our core values, and we ask all parents, carers and pupils show respect and adhere to the policy. If a child fails to wear the correct uniform, we will send a warning letter home highlighting the importance of following the policy

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 the school uniform, we 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, Miss McCann on [headteacher@four-elms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@four-elms.kent.sch.uk)