

Four Elms Primary School

Uniform Policy

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 will be given a letter which details what is incorrect and a date for when this needs to be resolved by. Parents/carers should inform the school about reasons for incorrect uniform and agree a date for when this will be resolved.

Accessories and Jewellery

No jewellery is permitted at school, with the exception of plain gold or silver 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, headbands, clips and scrunchies must be plain, scrunchies must be plain and green, silver or black in colour.

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. Smart watches are not permitted.

Nail Varnish and Make-up

Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted. Children who attend school wearing make-up, will be asked to remove it with wet wipes. A letter will be given to children who wear nail varnish and this will be expected to be removed by the following day.

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.

All children

Most of the uniform can be bought at local shops but the PTA have a wide selection of pre- owned uniform available on <https://uniformerly.co.uk/>.

We would like all children to wear uniform that displays the school logo. Logoed uniform is purchased from <http://gooddies.co.uk>

Winter	Charcoal grey/dark grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers White polo shirt or shirt Green logoed sweatshirt or cardigan (no hoodies) Plain grey, green or white matching socks Grey, black or green tights Black, flat school shoes (not trainers or boots) A coat (ideally green or black) Green or black hair accessories Children can either use the school book bag, school rucksack or their own suitably sized bag
Summer	As above or green check dress/playsuit Charcoal grey/dark grey shorts or skirt Black, flat school shoes (not trainers or boots) A lightweight raincoat/jacket (ideally green)
PE Kit	Children should wear their PE kit all day on their allocated PE day for their PE session but they may need their kit on other days. For example, after school sports clubs. Black shorts Green logoed tshirt Black plimsolls or white trainers <u>Winter</u> A tracksuit (preferably green, black or grey) and school hoody for outdoor games lessons.

All children should bring a labelled water bottle of water to school every day.

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 and a deadline for when the correct uniform should be in place. It is important that Parents/Carers work with the school to address any issues with uniform. If you require support in ensuring your child has the correct uniform, please contact the school.

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.

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