



SCHOOL UNIFORM

INTRODUCTION

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

RATIONALE

1.1 At Riverside Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- reduces 'fashion competition' between pupils.

1.2 Riverside school uniform was chosen after extensive consultation. It is readily available and inexpensive.

1.3 Pupils must wear school uniform each day unless permission has been given by a senior member of staff. If a child is not wearing uniform s/he will be provided with a Riverside sweatshirt or 'polo' shirt that has been donated to the school

1.4 Each year a minimum of 1 sweatshirt or cardigan and 1 'polo' shirt with the Riverside logo will be distributed free of charge to every pupil. This is distributed in September of each year or on entry to school and includes all pupils from Nursery to Year 6.

Our School Uniform

- Navy blue or black trousers/shorts
- Pinafore dress or skirt or blue and white checked-style summer dress
- White 'polo' shirt with Riverside logo
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered Riverside logo or
- Navy blue cardigan/jumper/sweatshirt with no logo

All clothing with the Riverside logo may be obtained from the office. Plain navy blue clothing can be obtained from any retailer.

Footwear

2.1 Sensible footwear should be worn at all times – no "flip flops" or heeled shoes.

P.E. and Games Kit

2.2 For health and safety reasons, it is essential that pupils are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls should be worn, or bare feet for gymnastics only.

2.3 A Riverside PE kit is available from the Office.

2.4 Pupils in Years 5 who go swimming need a towel, swimming trunks or costume, cap and brush or comb, carried in a waterproof bag. Parents should label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.

Book bags

2.5 All pupils are given a smart, blue book bag with the Riverside logo for carrying their reading books.

Laptop bags

2.6 All pupils receive a laptop bag to transport their laptop to/from school. Each bag is labelled with a coloured number for identification (names should not be visible for safety reasons).

Accessories

2.7 For safety reasons, pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. This includes earrings of any kind. If ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E.

2.8 If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed or covered up during physical activity.

2.9 We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, jewellery other than stud earrings and watches, should not be worn.

Non-uniform days

3.1 Occasionally we have non-uniform days to celebrate special events or to raise money for charities etc. Pupils will be told in advance when these days are. Please ensure clothing is comfortable to wear all day and continue to follow Health and Safety guidelines.