

NIGHTINGALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event.

Aims and objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and supports positive behaviour
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging to the school
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Supports effective teaching and learning
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

School Uniform

The school uniform is as follows:

- Jade green sweatshirts or cardigans with logo affixed
- Navy blue polo shirts with logo affixed
- Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts (no jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms)
- Green and white check dress for summer
- Grey or white socks or grey coloured tights

Items can be purchased from Skoolkit in Basingstoke, Eastleigh or Fareham and online by visiting the Skoolkit website or through myclothing.com (formerly Tesco)

Footwear

Children must wear sensible black shoes which need to be flat and suitable for use on the field or playground. In the summer, sandals are permitted.

Trainers, boots, Crocs, flip flops, Heelys and high heels are not permitted.

Sports Wear

PE is a mandatory curriculum subject and all children are expected to participate unless there is a medical reason for not doing so. Children must change their clothes for PE and games; this includes changing tights for socks. The games kit is outlined below and should be kept in a drawstring bag marked with your child's name.

- House coloured t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms for outdoor winter PE
- Black sweatshirt for outdoor PE (a different sweatshirt from ordinary uniform)
- Trainers or plimsolls

In Year 4, children are expected to participate in swimming lessons. Swimming kit should consist of:

- 1-piece swimming costume or swimming trunks
- Swimming hat and towel

Jewellery/accessories

Children are permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings, a sensible wrist watch and small objects of religious significance only. Other items of jewellery are not allowed as they can be dangerous both to the wearer and others. Children will be asked to remove all jewellery before participating in PE or swimming. These should be stored in their school bag for safe keeping and the school accepts no responsibility for lost items of jewellery. If jewellery can't be removed due to cultural practice or newly pierced ears, the risk of injury could be reduced by:

Studs being secured by the use of Micropore tape

If it is not possible to remove the jewellery or to reduce the risk to the wearer or others, the child must sit out and participate in the lesson in a non-active capacity, e.g. observing, evaluating, responding to questions etc.

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All children, girls and boys, are requested to have their hair tied back when it is long enough to do so. This is for health and safety reasons and to help prevent the spread of head lice. Hair must be secured with sensible hairclips/hairbands.

All long hair MUST be tied back for PE and cookery.

Nail varnish and makeup is not permitted.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy and ensure that their child has the correct uniform and footwear.

Any child not wearing the correct uniform may be asked to change into spare uniform from our collection. Children that are wearing inappropriate footwear will be sent to the office and asked to change into a pair of black plimsolls. Individual letters will be sent to parents/carers reminding them of our uniform policy.

Parents or carers that are having difficulties or who are unsure about a particular item of clothing or footwear should contact the Head Teacher or the Welfare Leader, who will deal with their enquiry in the strictest confidence.

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