

UNIFORM POLICY

DfE Guidance on School Uniforms

“It is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so what that should be. This flows from the duties placed upon all governing bodies by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.”

Applies to:

- Whole School including EYFS

Related Documents:

- School Policies
- Website

Availability

This policy is made available to parents, staff and pupils in the following ways: on request a copy may be obtained from the School Office.

Monitoring and Review:

- This policy will be subject to continuous monitoring, refinement and audit by the Headteacher and School Advisory Board.
- The Proprietor (who is also the Headteacher) undertakes an annual review of this policy and of the efficiency with which the related duties have been discharged, by no later than one year from the date shown below, or earlier if changes in legislation, regulatory requirements or best practice guidelines so require.

Signed: *C.Redgrave*

Date: August 2023

Mrs Christine Redgrave
Headteacher and Proprietor on behalf of the School Advisory Board

Our Uniform

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Our uniform can be purchased from Foster Schoolwear who come into school at least once a half term. Their shop is Birchanger Industrial Estate, 12, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2TH . Please note school uniform including shoes must be worn at all times with no deviations. Similar garments purchased from high street stores are unacceptable. School uniform must fit properly and be in a good state of repair. In cases of very hot weather, children may be told coats or blazers are not needed, and the school may permit boys to remove their ties and undo the top shirt button.

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;

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons no jewellery, with the exception of small watches, is to be worn.

Kara, if worn, must be of the rounded style and, if not removed, covered with a sweatband during physical activities, including playtime.

No ear-rings, including studs, are to be worn in school. If you plan to have ears pierced this must be arranged directly we break up in July to allow the six weeks without removal to elapse before we return in September. Children can wear clear safety post earrings.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Headwear

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and navy blue. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. The Advisory Board has accepted the advice provided by the Chief Inspector of Ofsted that children of primary school age should not wear the hijab. It is not a requirement of Islamic law or doctrine for girls of primary age to wear the hijab and the school wishes to ensure that all children are treated in similar ways, regardless of culture or religion and with regard to their equal status while in school.

Make-up

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out-of-school-hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The following are not permitted at Eastcourt: coloured hair extensions; shaved patterns; plaited patterns; hair dyeing; gel.

Footwear

All children are required to wear plain black shoes from Clarks as stated in the uniform list. Plain black plimsolls, trainers and football boots (with rubber studs KS2 only) from any shop are required for PE lessons. Particular care should be given to the condition and upkeep of footwear.

The Role of Parents

Eastcourt Independent School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It is our aim that all pupils fulfil their potential.

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. Ties should be tied and worn correctly, with top shirt button done up. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly-new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The Headteacher aims to ensure that the school uniform enables children to dress sensibly, is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The Role of the Advisory Board

The Advisory board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform list is updated on our website as necessary.

Uniform checks are made regularly throughout the year. Children must wear full uniform when travelling to and from school. Blazers or coats can be worn over tracksuits.

Mrs Mitchell, Miss Harvey and Mrs Adkins organise the sale of **second-hand uniform** – if interested please apply for details at the school office.