

FELSTED PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



Nurturing today's minds for tomorrow's challenges

- Be Respectful
- Be Kind
- Be Safe

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 It is our policy that all children should be encouraged to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a list of the items suggested for school uniform on our school website and they are listed below for ease of reference.

1.2 The DfE (Department for Education) 'strongly encourages schools to have a uniform' as they believe 'it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and set an appropriate tone.'

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- builds a sense of identity;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- supports positive behaviour;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. ITEMS OF UNIFORM

The following items comprise our school uniform:

- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts
- Grey trousers/shorts
- White blouse/polo shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Plain white/grey socks or grey tights
- Plain black (Velcro, buckle or lace up) shoes. These can be trainers but must be smart, leather and all black.
- School sweatshirt/Cardigan

Summer alternative

- Light blue and white check dress

Our school PE kit comprises the following items:

- School PE t-shirt
- School Hoodie
- Black shorts, loose fitting or Black cycling shorts (knee-length or mid-thigh length, not very short styles)
- Black Jogging bottoms
- Trainers

At Felsted Primary School we understand that uniform can be costly so we aim to help parents where we can to keep these costs down. Nearly new items can be picked up from the reception area at a cost of £1 per item. We encourage parents to donate and reuse items to reduce the cost but also to improve sustainability and reuse where possible.

4. SCHOOL BAGS

We ask our younger children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to bring their belongings in a book bag. Key Stage 2 children are able to bring a Ruck Sack.

5. JEWELLERY

5.1 In accordance with the Local Authority requirements on health and safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery.

5.2 The exceptions to this rule are small, simple studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance or wristwatches. "Smart" watches are strictly prohibited.

5.3 On days when children have Physical Education lessons and/or sporting activities, they should not wear jewellery to school. If children do attend school with jewellery, they will be asked to remove objects before Physical Education lessons or any other lessons where the wearing of such items constitutes a potential safety risk. For Community or Voluntary Controlled (VC) Schools, where ECC is the employer schools must follow the Local Authority policy which states NO jewellery to be worn in PE at all. This includes no taping of newly pierced ears. If a child cannot remove their earrings for any reason in a Community or V/C school the pupil will have to sit out of PE. Teachers and other members of staff do not take responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery which has been removed.

6. EXTREME HAIRCUTS / MAKE-UP

6.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts / hair colourings that could serve as a distraction to other children.

6.2 Mid to long length hair should be tied back at all times.

6.3 The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, is not permitted. Likewise, the wearing of temporary tattoos is not acceptable. If a child arrives at school wearing any of these items, we will contact parents to request their removal.

7. THE ROLE OF PARENTS

7.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the 'School Uniform Policy'. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and to support the policies of the school. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform / colours and that it is clean and in good condition.

8. PUPIL NON-COMPLIANCE

8.1 It is our aim to work with families to overcome difficulties with non-compliance of this policy. At all times, we are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to accommodate particular social, sensory and cultural circumstances. In this instance, parents should at first make representations to the Headteacher.

8.2 If a pupil is not wearing an item of uniform as identified in this policy the class teacher or will get in touch with parents. If this is a continuing issue a meeting will be arranged to find a way forward.

9. THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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

9.2 It is the Governing body's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that the school uniform policy is consistent with the school's policy on equal opportunities.

9.3 Governing body members ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

10. MONITORING AND REVIEW

10.1 This policy will be reviewed by the Governing body annually.