



Rationale

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. Health and safety requirements for all aspects of school life and work are given high priority in setting out the guidelines in this policy. Wearing the same school uniform gives equality of opportunity to all pupils in that both they and their parents / carers do not have to be concerned about wearing up to date fashions or sports clothing.

Aims

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in □ is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by governors and most parents.

The Uniform

All children need (Reception - Year 6):

- navy blue crew neck sweat shirt/sweatshirt cardigan (ideally with logo*)
- light blue polo t-shirt, shirt or blouse (logo* optional)
- black or grey school trousers (not jean style or leggings)/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress
- during summer term pupils may wear a blue and white check/stripe dress
- grey or black socks
- plain grey or plain black tights (not leggings)
- flat, black sensible school shoes or boots. Shoes are to be plain with no coloured logos and boots must not have excessive detailing, be Ugg style, or made from soft fabric. Plain black trainers with no obvious logos are acceptable. Crocs are not acceptable.
- sweat shirts and polo shirts with the school logo can be purchased from the school office
- school bookbag (only reception - year 2)

For P.E. all children need (Reception - Year 6):

- plain white crew neck t-shirt or white polo shirt
- black P.E. shorts or track-suit bottoms. Girls may choose to wear black netball skorts or skirts (under which they may wear black cycling shorts) □ trainers
- all PE kits to be free from any large logo or brand name (eg no adidas stripes or football team strip shirts/shorts)

Nursery

Green sweatshirt with school logo* and green polo shirt with school with the logo are encouraged.

Second hand/used uniform is available via the Friends of Appledore School, contactable via the school office.

Jewellery & Headwear

For safety and security reasons, the only acceptable items of jewellery that may be worn by pupils are watches (Year 1 upwards), simple stud earrings, plain reasonably sized necklaces if of religious significance eg St Christopher, small crucifix. All watches, necklaces and rings must be removed for PE. Whilst every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of such items, they remain the responsibility of the pupil's parents / carers. Children should only wear stud earrings that they can take out and replace themselves. They will need to take earrings out for PE. If ears are to be pierced, this should be done at the beginning of the summer holidays to give the ears time to heal.

Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted during school hours for boys or girls. Extreme hairstyles or unnatural colouring, facial piercings or unnatural coloured or false nails are not permitted. Hair accessories should be in keeping with school uniform and any pupil with long hair must wear it securely tied back from their face.

In the summer on sunny days pupils can wear headwear during break and lunchtime for protection from excessive sun. Headwear and scarfs are not to be worn in class unless for religious purposes.

Role of Parents/Guardians

- Ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

Role of Teaching Staff

The Headteacher, with the support of all teaching staff, is required to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school to support a purposeful learning ethos. Class teachers will remind pupils and parents of the uniform requirements should they not be adhered to. The Headteacher will speak to the parents if incorrect uniform continues to be worn

** clothing with the school logo can be purchased from the school office. Preloved uniform is also available from the office for a small donation.*