

WEST ROW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

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Introduction:

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 skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is printed within this policy.

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, be mislaid or the cause of bullying;
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- Is considered good value for money by most parents

Jewellery, Hair Decorations, Make-up and Nail Varnish:

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items prior to PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury and they are expected to look after them by putting them in their class tray. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be of one colour and of a reasonable size.. Hair bands should not have overly large flowers or other decorations attached. 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 use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear:

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn, these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent

children from sitting comfortably on the floor, they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst in the school building. During hot weather, children may wear sandals. It will be at their own risk to do so as open toed shoes do leave children more open to injury. Flip-flops are not acceptable for school.

The Role of Parents:

By sending your child to West Row School, you are agreeing to support the uniform policy. 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. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of school 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 appropriate items from our nearly new stock 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 school welcomes children from all backgrounds, cultures and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious or cultural grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head-Teacher.

The Role Of Governors:

The Governing Body support the Head-Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head-Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review:

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy.
- Considering, with the Head-Teacher, any request from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

School Uniform List:

Our school uniform colour is a combination of black or grey with white tops and red jumpers or cardigans. Most items can be bought from high street shops or supermarkets, such as Tesco's. Items marked below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in school. Please speak to our school office for details of prices.

For Girls:

- Grey or black skirt, pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or red and white checked or striped dresses.
- White blouse or polo shirt*
- Red sweatshirt* or cardigan* without hood, either plain or with the West Row logo
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- Black or grey tights

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. Three-quarter, calf length, leggings should not be worn.

For Boys:

- Grey shorts or trousers **not** jogging bottoms
- White shirt or polo shirt*
- Red sweatshirt, without a hood, either plain or with the West Row logo*

Reversible waterproof coats with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls are also available from the school office. Please note that children should not wear scarves or hats inside the school building.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black. Children who wear boots that prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes whilst inside the building.

PE Kit:

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for PE (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. PE kit and PE bags may be bought from the school office. All school uniform and PE kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

Girls and Boys wear:

- Black shorts
- Plain red T-Shirt or Polo Shirt
- A pair of plimsolls – Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children
- Black or grey jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in colder weather.

- A pair of basic trainers for outdoor lessons.

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. The child will be responsible for placing the earrings in their class tray.