

Article 8 – You have the right to an identity. No one should take this away from you.



Cockton Hill Junior School
Uniform Policy 2020-2021

Rationale:

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

Our school uniform follows direct guidance from the Department for Education which states: 'A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Most schools in England have a uniform or dress code, and other rules on appearance.

The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.'

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/schoolethos/b0014144/schooluniform>

Aims:

- All children wear the correct uniform to school
- Children feel proud to belong to the school
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school

Guidelines:

- It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.
- Please label each item of child's clothing.
- This policy provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn.
- Items with the school log on can be purchased from www.creativegraphics.co.uk but uniform from alternative providers without the logo is also permitted.
- If a child does not wear the correct uniform, children will be given uniform from the spare uniform kit in school.
- Persistent absence of uniform will result in parents/carers being contacted.
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (eg unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans/logos, etc) then the school will also provide uniform for the child to wear for the day.
- PE kit should be kept in school all week and taken home at weekends for washing.
- If a child does not have their PE kit in school, spare kit will be provided.
- Persistent absence of PE kit will result in parents/carers being informed.
- The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform.
- There is an area for lost property within school. Any items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of.
- If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (eg health or religious grounds) then the Head Teacher will consider any such request from a parent/carer.

Uniform details:

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Winter:

Red school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (with or without school logo)

Plain white or red polo shirt or white blouse

Black/grey trousers or skirt

White/black socks or tights/leggings

Black flat shoes/trainers without clear logos or additional colour (please note heels are not permitted - as a guide we require heels to be less than 2 ½ centimetres to ensure the health and safety of all pupils)

Summer:

As above or red/white checked dress or black/grey shorts

*Jeans, tracksuits, high-heeled shoes/boots, football shirts, shirts with large slogans/logos etc. are not acceptable school wear.

PE Kit:

Plain white or red T-shirt or polo shirt, plain black shorts, trainers or plimsolls. A tracksuit/ jogging bottoms are also useful for outdoor activities during the winter.

Hair and Jewellery

On Health and Safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are small stud pierced ear-rings and a watch.

Pupils are permitted to wear a watch that counts their steps and is digital. Watches that send and receive messages, calls or notifications must have this feature disabled in line with our online safety policy. Watches with cameras are not permitted. Any pupils, where any learning is disrupted or they put themselves or others at risk with their use of their watch, will have the watch removed and collected by an adult.

We ask the children to remove these during PE lessons or, if they cannot be removed, to cover them with a plaster brought in from home. This is to prevent them from causing injury.

Hair at shoulder length and below should be tied up this is due to health and safety reasons including, but not limited to, the risk of injury during play and outbreaks of head lice which are common in younger children. In addition to this hair must be tied up for any physical activity in school for health and safety reasons.

Educational Visits

For most off site visits school uniform will be required. At the very least this will be the school jumper and polo shirt depending on the activity. This allows pupils to be easily identified when off site. Parents will be advised if additional or different clothing is needed on a trip by trip basis.

Extra-curricular events

Activities that take place immediately after the school day will usually require pupils to remain in their school uniform and follow this policy. If it is a sporting activity then PE kit needed by pupils will be advised in any correspondence.

Events hosted by the 'Friends of Cockton Hill Junior School' will also comply with this policy. In particular, reference should be made to footwear – in the event of a school disco heels must not be worn for reasons of health and safety. As a guide we will allow heels of less than 2 ½ centimetres.

