



Uniform Policy September 2024

“Learn with Love, Flourish in Faith”

Our School Vision

Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14)

As an inclusive Christian school, Church of the Ascension C.E Primary School aims to create a loving, caring and respectful community, where individuals can flourish spiritually, socially and academically as children of God in a rich learning environment. Our vision is to inspire lifelong learning, whilst encouraging resilience, independence, aspiration and an appreciation of God’s wonderful world.

We believe the six key values which characterise our school are:

- Thankfulness
- Generosity
- Respect
- Forgiveness
- Honesty
- Perseverance

We believe that these core Christian values are fundamental in helping to develop our children into responsible citizens of the future and will allow them to achieve their God-given potential.

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Introduction It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours including inter schools sporting activities. Parental cooperation and support with uniform expectations, is very much appreciated. School uniform is part of the school ethos and in choosing to send their child to our school the expectation is that parents will agree to support our policy.

We believe that a school uniform:

- is important in building the children’s sense of identity and belonging to the community of the school
- instils a sense of pride in our school
- supports positive behaviour
- supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life
- is one of the symbols of the ethos of the school
- protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background
- supports effective teaching and learning

Our Uniform Winter uniform is worn from the second half of the Autumn Term to the end of the Spring Term. Summer Uniform is worn from beginning of the Summer Term to the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, book bags, baseball caps and woolly hats are available to order from the school office.

| Reception – All year |
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| Pale blue polo shirt Royal blue jumper or cardigan (not fleece) Grey trousers (short or long), grey skirt or pinafore Navy or white/cream tights (no patterns). Grey, black or white socks (no patterns). Black, polishable school shoes (not trainers or boots). Blue/white gingham dress/culottes for the Summer (optional) |

| Winter Uniform Years 1 - 6 |
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| Pale blue shirt/blouse Royal blue cardigan or jumper (not fleece). Grey trousers (short or long), grey skirt or pinafore School tie (elasticated for younger pupils) Grey, black or white socks (no patterns). Grey, white/cream tights (no patterns). Black, polishable school shoes (not trainers or boots). |

| Summer Uniform Years 1 - 6 |
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| Summer shirt/blouse – pale blue cotton with collar or school polo shirt (no tie required). Grey, black or white socks (no patterns). Grey trousers or shorts, summer dresses (blue and white) or navy skirts or culottes |

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| P.E KIT FOR RECEPTION to YEAR 6 |
| Indoor kit: white P.E. shirt Navy or black shorts Black elasticated pumps FOR YEAR 1 to YEAR 6 (when it is colder) |
| Outdoor: white P.E. shirt, black or grey shorts, black, navy or grey jogging bottoms |

PLEASE MARK ALL SCHOOL CLOTHING CLEARLY. School will not take responsibility for lost items. School specific uniform can be ordered through the school office or via the website.

Jewellery Children are allowed to wear:

- one pair of plain, small stud earrings in the lobe of each ear. These must be removed by the child during PE lessons to comply with nationally accepted Health and Safety regulations. Please be aware that a child will be unable to participate in swimming or P.E. lessons if they cannot remove their earrings.
- Digital or analogue watches may be worn. These must be removed for any PE activity. Please be aware that Smart watches are not permitted to be worn by children.
- Discreet items of jewellery which have an important religious significance – but only after a letter has been written by parents asking for permission. No other jewellery is allowed. Please note that the school will not take responsibility for any jewellery that is lost or damaged.

Hair Styles

Hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour. Hairbands, grips and 'bobbles' should be discreet and complement school colours e.g. blue, grey, black or white. There should be no hairstyles with lines or patterns cut into the head, mohicans or extreme quiffs or artificially coloured hair.

Footwear

All children should wear black school shoes (not boots) which are suitable for active play. Shoes with high heels, platforms or without backs are not permitted. Trainers are not acceptable.

Make Up

No make-up or nail varnish is to be worn by children, to school.

Outdoor Clothing

Children should bring a coat to school every day, apart from during the hotter weather. The coat should be suitable to the time of year. If a child comes to school in boots or wellingtons they will need to have a pair of school shoes to change into and a bag to keep their outdoor footwear in during the school day. Caps are essential when it is sunny. School caps are available from the School Office. Please make sure that coats and caps are labelled clearly.

The role of class teachers and support staff

- Staff will remind all children to wear school uniform and dress in the appropriate way – this includes rules applying to hairs styles, jewellery, make up etc
- Staff will speak to individual children who do not adhere to this policy and, if necessary, to their parents.
- Persistent refusal to comply with this policy will lead to referral to the Head or Deputy Head.

The role of the Headteacher

- The headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform and dress code throughout the school as part of the day to day running of the school.
- The headteacher will follow up any persistent non-adherence to this policy.

The role of governors

- It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- The governing body will support the headteacher in implementing the school uniform and dress code policy.
- To ensure that this policy takes account of latest guidance from the Department for Education The role of parents

Parents

All parents who send their children to our school should support the school uniform and dress code policy. Parents should endeavour to send their child to school with the appropriate clothing each day. Parents should ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if necessary.