Uniform Policy



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Introduction:

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events. We see the wearing of our uniform as something to be proud of and as a statement of our work and life together as members of Dropmore Infant School. Non-branded items of uniform are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. Branded items of uniform are available from the school office.

Aims and Objectives:

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

- Promotes the ethos of our school;
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging;
- Identifies children with the school;
- Supports our commitment to inclusion;
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- Is considered good value for money.

Uniform:

Our school uniform colour is red. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with an *, which have the school logo on, are sold by:

SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT Ltd 20A Buckingham Avenue, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 4QA T: 01628 665353 E: info@schooldaysdirect.co.uk

You are now able to purchase uniform online from School Days Direct, using <u>www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk</u> You can find the Dropmore Infant School uniform store by either clicking on "Find your school uniform", or by selecting 'Shop' from the menu and then selecting 'School Uniform' from the drop-down menu. You will then see a list of school badges, click on the Dropmore Infant School Badge.

GIRLS	BOYS
Grey pinafore, skirt, skort or trousers White shirt or polo Red monogrammed cardigan or jumper * Grey or red tights Grey socks Black cycle shorts Black shoes (not trainers)	Grey trousers White shirt or polo Red monogrammed cardigan or jumper * Black or grey socks Black shoes (not trainers)
Summer term Red/white checked dress White socks Black cycle shorts Optional - Sandals (not open toed)	<u>Summer term</u> Grey shorts Grey socks Optional - Sandals (not open toed)

Children are expected to wear sensible footwear; this can be shoes, boots or sandals (with toes covered) in black, but with a flat heel. No slip-ons or flip-flops are acceptable. If inappropriate footwear is worn to school, children will be asked to wear plimsolls and staff will talk to parents about what is suitable. 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 plimsolls whilst inside the school building.

Children should only be wearing shoes with laces if they are able to tie their laces independently.

All children at Dropmore Infant School will be assigned to one of 4 Houses: Badgers, Foxes, Squirrels or Hedgehogs when joining the school. We use sewn on badges to identify which house a child belongs. The PTA will donate 2 badges to every child and additional badges can be bought from the school office for $\pounds 1$ per badge (or 50p per badge from second-hand shop). Parents are expected to sew the badges onto the child's cardigans and jumpers, on the opposite side of the school logo. Sewing instructions are available from the office.

PE Kit:

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for PE and a drawstring bag in which to keep the kit at school.

GIRLS PE KIT	BOYS PE KIT
Black shorts	Black shorts
White monogrammed poloshirt with	White monogrammed poloshirt with
house colours*	house colours*
Red monogrammed hoody * (optional)	Red monogrammed hoody * (optional)
Black plimsolls	Black plimsolls
White ankle socks	White ankle socks
Black plain tracksuit bottoms	Black plain tracksuit bottoms
Waterproof trainers for Mile-a-Day	Waterproof trainers for Mile-a-Day

We expect children to have the correct PE kit in school at school at all times. If children do not have their PE kit at school when needed, we will do our best to supply kit and will send a reminder home about missing PE kit. The most commonly missing item is socks. Please ensure your child has a pair of socks in their PE kit. This is particularly important for girls wearing tights!

PE kit will be sent home every half term to be washed and checked. Children are expected to bring their PE kit back to school on the first day of every half term.

It is important that all items of uniform and PE kit are clearly named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us by naming everything.

At the start of every half term we check the children's PE kit to ensure no items are missing and all items are named. House point will be awarded for complete and named kits!

To improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of all children at Dropmore Infant School we take part in the Mile-a-Day. Three times a week, the children travel around a mappedout area on the field, competing in Houses. To take part in this activity the children need to have a pair of waterproof trainers at school at all times. These trainers need to be suitable for running and the child needs to be able to put them on and off quickly and independently (no laces!).

Second Hand Uniform:

We keep a supply of good quality, clean second hand uniform that is put out for sale the first 2 weeks of every half term. Parents can request specific items outside of this period. The uniform items are priced between 50p and £5. All money raised from the uniform sale will be added to school fund.

Jewellery:

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule is small stud earrings and small objects of religious significance. This will be allowed at the discretion of the Headteacher, through a request in writing.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Any stud earrings worn on a day when PE is carried out, must either be removed by the child or covered with microporous tape. Members of staff cannot remove earrings for Health and Safety reasons.

Any unauthorised jewellery worn to school by a child will be confiscated by a member of staff and returned to parents at the end of the day. The school accepts no responsibility for any jewellery lost on the premises.

Make up, nail varnish, (temporary) tattoos and transfers are not allowed at school. Children and parents will be reminded of this and will be asked to remove these immediately.

Hair:

All long hair (collar length or longer) must be tied back during school day. Elastic bands will be provided for the child to tie back hair.

Hair bands, ribbons or scrunchies must be plain and school colours. They should not have brightly coloured accessories, flowers or large bows attached.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed. Parents will be contacted and asked to remove any patterns/colours that day.

No gel or other hair products should be used. Children and parents will be reminded that such hair products are unnecessary and discouraged.

SEN:

We encourage all children to develop their independence with regards to dressing. If a child has a physical or medical condition that results in difficulty dressing, the school will discuss how to manage this with the parents on a case-by-case basis. Support could be, but is not limited to, OT advice regarding aids, use of alternative or adapted clothing (e.g. Velcro instead of buttons, specialised footwear) or items designed to limit sensory issues.

The Role of the Parents:

We encourage parents to support us in this policy so that precious jewellery is not brought to school and so that the health and safety of children are not compromised.

We believe it is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their child has the correct uniform, PE kit and Mile-a-Day shoes and that it is clean, in good repair, the correct size and that the child's name is on all items.

If a parent has difficulty, for any reason, fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to the Headteacher.

If a parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should contact the Headteacher.

This policy has been distributed to all parents at the school. A copy of the policy is available on the school website.

Equality Impact Assessment:

Our school uniform supports our commitment to inclusion and considers the costs of school uniform as well as the needs of those who share protected characteristics so that all pupils are able to wear it. We are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these where possible.

Our school uniform policy complies with our obligations under the <u>Human Rights Act 1998</u> and the <u>Equality</u> <u>Act 2010</u> as well as the 2021 statutory guidance <u>Cost of school uniforms</u>.

Monitoring and Review:

This policy is monitored on a day-to-day basis by the Headteacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of the policy on request.

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.