



**Richard de Clare
Community Academy**

School Uniform

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School Uniform Policy

May 2018

Introduction

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. The wearing of school uniform helps promote the identity of the school in the local community and helps create an ethos of sharing and pride in the school. We're Richard de Clare and we're proud of it! In addition, the wearing of uniform helps overcome peer pressure regarding clothing, encourages discipline and helps to prevent economic and social barriers between pupils.

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

Expectations and procedures:

It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.

- The school prospectus provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn (see below).
- Most items of uniform can be purchased from Tesco or Baldwins in Halstead
- Second-hand items are also available via the school uniform shop at prices to be agreed.
- If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers (see Appendix 1).
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (eg unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, etc) then the school will provide uniform for the child to wear for the day.
- PE kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends or holidays for washing.
- If a child persistently does not have their PE kit in school, a letter is sent home to the parents/carers.
- Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.
- The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform.
- There are containers for lost property located in the Key Stage 2 building. 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 governors will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer.

Presentation:

Smart presentation helps us to be ready to learn and work and prepares us for Secondary School. On Health and Safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are stud pierced earrings. We ask the children to remove these during PE lessons. This is to prevent them from causing injury. Nail varnish and make up should not be worn. No extreme hair styles, e.g. shaved patterns, Mohawks or unnatural colours to be worn and no beach shoes. Trainers should be saved for sports activities.

Uniform is:

Girls & Boys

Plain black school shoes (flats heels and no trainers or beach shoes please)

Maroon Polo shirt

School Maroon sweatshirt, jumper or fleece or Plain Maroon jumper/sweatshirt or fleece

Girls

Grey school skirt, pinafore or trousers
or
School Yellow & white summer dress

Boys

Grey school trousers/shorts

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APPENDIX 1 – Standard letter to parents

Date:

Dear Parent/Carer

Child's name: **Class:**

We noticed that your child did not wear their correct uniform to school today. I'm sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school. As our policy states:

"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." I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that they dress appropriately every school day.

Our uniform is as follows:

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Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully