



UNIFORM POLICY

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Our vision is for all children to be safe, happy and learning. We deliver this vision through clear aims that are underpinned by our school commitments.

safe – happy – learning

We value:

working Together

happiness

achieving our potential

fairness and equality

kindness

safety and security

Our aim is for every child to:

- feel safe and secure at all times and to know that the adults in school will help them if they are worried, frightened or feel unsafe;
- be an independent, resilient learner who sees mistakes as an opportunity to learn, is not afraid to try and seeks help when they need it;
- be an excellent communicator: able to listen and understand, speak with clarity and with a broad vocabulary;
- be a reader: finding pleasure in books and reading and with the skills to read fluently and accurately and to understand a range of texts;
- be a writer: writing fluently and with detail for a specific purpose and an understanding of the audience, using and applying a range of skills;
- be a mathematician: solving problems in a range of contexts by applying fluent knowledge and recall of number facts;
- develop the knowledge, skills and understanding of scientists, artists, designers, geographers, historians, linguists, musicians and performers;
- value being physically active and healthy;
- have the skills required to thrive in a technological age;
- be self-aware, emotionally intelligent and accepting of others, showing kindness and respect and an understanding of differences;
- acquire the skills and desire to contribute positively to the wider community.

Our commitment is to provide every child with :

- a school that is well led and managed by a strong team of leaders and governors;
- school staff who will keep them safe and who know what to do to protect them from harm;
- a sense of justice and knowledge of right and wrong;
- high-quality teaching from skilled professionals;
- teachers and support staff who have opportunities to grow and develop, extending their own expertise through training and development;
- access to specialist services to support additional needs;
- buildings and grounds that are safe, welcoming, clean and tidy;
- a learning environment that promotes and supports active learning;
- challenges that stretch and encourage higher-order thinking, team work and creativity;
- exciting and stimulating resources that encourage the acquisition and deepening of knowledge, understanding and skills across the curriculum;
- enrichment opportunities, including after-school clubs, exciting trips and visitors to broaden their experience of the wider world;
- a voice – where their views and opinions matter and are listened to;
- opportunities for their parents and carers to spend time in school and be involved in school activities;
- the chance to try new things and have a go, developing the resilience that will prove valuable throughout life;
- ambitions and aspirations;
- a 'can do' attitude and a Growth Mindset – understanding the power of yet!

Uniform Policy

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, trousers or shorts and to take a pride in their personal appearance. All items of uniform are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

Aims of the policy

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;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are children are allowed a small single gold/silver stud in each ear. Religious bangles are also acceptable. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Long hair should be tied back with a plain hair tie. Ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' are not appropriate. Thin hair bands are also allowed, these should not have flowers or other accessories attached. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

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.

From October Half Term up until Easter Half Term, Children can wear black leather/leather look smart ankle boots. School trousers should neatly cover the boot so that just the foot is visible.

From Easter until October Half Term, children may wear plain black crocs worn in 'sports mode' and with no jibbits attached.

*Children are **not** allowed to wear boots that have chunky soles, high heels, studs, tassels, fur, suede, wool, Ugg-style or Doc Marten style.*

The Role of Parents

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 member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Uniform

- Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers
- White polo shirt (except year 6 who will wear a white collared shirt with a tie)
- Red jumper or cardigan
- Plain white or grey socks/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. Grey tights may be worn with winter uniform or for cultural reasons, as, may leggings if bare legs in skirts are not permissible. Leggings must be grey

From Easter until October half term summer uniform can be worn. This includes sensible grey shorts and red and white gingham dresses.

You can purchase a range of Thorns logo uniform items from Totally Uniform. You can either visit their shop which is located at 806 High St, Kingswinford DY6 8AB; or you can order on-line at www.totallyuniform.co.uk.

Head scarves worn for religious or cultural reasons are permitted but they should be red or white (school colours). For health and safety reasons they are unsuitable for PE as they could be caught on apparatus etc.

P.E. Kit

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

PE kit should consist of

- black shorts
- t-shirt in the colour of the house they are in (available from the school office for £3)
- a pair of black plimsolls – velcro fastenings are advisable for younger children
- black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- trainers may be worn for outdoor PE only

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. Long hair **MUST be tied back.**

Gymnastics and dance will be done in bare feet.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place in most weather conditions. Children must be dressed appropriately for the weather. The following clothing is needed to ensure all children have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Children **MUST** wear long sleeve tops, long trousers and sturdy closed toe shoes at all times. Long hair must be tied back.

If rain is forecast a waterproof coat is essential.

In Winter – warm coats, hats and gloves are essential.

In Summer – sun hats and suncream must be worn

REMEMBER CHILDREN WILL BE OUTSIDE ALL DAY