



Chestnuts Primary School

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Uniform Policy

Introduction

At Chestnuts Primary, we are proud of our school uniform and it is an expectation that all children attending will wear the approved school uniform with pride. Our school uniform must be worn when attending school, on school trips or when representing the school unless instructed otherwise. 'Choose your attitude' is one of our Chestnuts Ways and we firmly believe that together, if we empower our children to take care and pride in their appearance, this will set them up for a positive learning day.

Aims and Objectives

Our school uniform policy is in place to encourage the following outcomes:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging within our school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could cause distractions
- Enable children to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money
- Reinforces the Chestnuts Way of 'Choose your attitude'



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School Uniform

<p>White polo shirt with school logo (preferred) or plain white polo shirt</p> 	<p>Red cardigan with logo or red sweatshirt with logo (black equivalent for Year 6 children only)</p> 
<p>Grey or black skirt, grey or black trousers or grey or black dress</p> 	
<p>Black school shoes with grey tights or white/grey/black socks</p> 	<p>Optional book bag</p> 

Optional summer uniform:

<p>Red gingham dress</p> 	<p>Grey or black shorts</p> 
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P.E. Kit:

<p>Red T shirt with school logo</p> 	<p>Black shorts (loose fitting or no shorter than mi-thigh in length)</p> 
<p>Black, grey or navy trousers and black jumper (no stripes or logos)</p> 	<p>Trainers or black plimsolls</p> 
<p>PE Kit bag with school logo</p> 	

Please ensure all clothing and equipment is clearly named. Staff will endeavour to return all named lost property; however, Chestnuts will not be held responsible for lost items.

How to Purchase

Our uniform is of high quality, smart, durable and provides value for money. All items can be purchased from our supplier [Nationwide School Uniforms](#) and can be ordered via their [website](#); however, many items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. We do not hold any uniform to buy in school.

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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 without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn, these should also be plain black. Please avoid large boots which prevent your child from sitting comfortably on the floor.

Jewellery

For many reasons, including health and safety, we ask that children do not wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are a wristwatch and small stud earrings in pierced ears, which should be removed during PE or covered with tape if this is not an option. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Extreme haircuts and long hair

At Chestnuts, we discourage 'extreme' haircuts/styles that could serve as a distraction to other children and for health and safety reasons including the spread of headlice, we ask for long hair to be tied back during the school day.

Make Up and Nail Varnish

Make up and nail varnish or fake nails should not be worn to school. Pupils will be given a baby wipe to remove any visible makeup and parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents to support Chestnuts School Uniform Policy by sending their child to school in clean, labelled clothing which is in good repair and follows policy along with the correct equipment needed for their day. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are encouraged to speak to a senior member of staff or our family support worker to discuss the issues and together find a solution. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing may be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities therefore if there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, they must inform the Headteacher for consideration.



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The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and best value. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented