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CHIRTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



‘Loving our neighbours as ourselves’
Luke 10:27

1. Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our website.

2. Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

The agreed school uniform:

BOYS	GIRLS
• Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with or without a school logo. • Grey or black trousers or shorts. • White shirt or white/burgundy polo shirt. • Black school shoes. • Wellington Boots/outdoor walking boots. • Slippers are optional for the classroom.	• Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with or without a school logo. • Grey or black skirt or pinafore or grey or black trousers. • Smart knee length uniform shorts. • White shirt or white/burgundy polo shirt. • Yellow and white gingham dress (summer) • Black school shoes. • Wellington boots/outdoor walking boots. • Slippers are optional for the classroom.

3. PE Kit:

Black/navy shorts
White/burgundy t-shirt
Black plimsolls and/or trainers.
Black/navy jogging bottoms/leggings (winter only)

4. Additional items available:

Burgundy fleece with or without school logo
Rain fleece
Showerproof jacket
PE Shirt with school logo
Burgundy Hoody (for play or PE only)

All children should have a coat to wear outside at playtime during the autumn and winter terms and in the summer we encourage the children to wear a hat/cap to protect them from the sun.

Children who go swimming will need a towel, trunks or costume and brush or comb, carried in a waterproof bag. A swimming cap is optional.

Uniform with the school logo and book bags can be ordered from Galileo situated in Devizes or Sunbeam Clothing (OHM) online (see Appendix 1). Other school uniform can be bought from local stores.

All items of clothing should be named in order to avoid confusion and to keep lost property to a minimum.

In adverse weather conditions, appropriate changes to uniform may be permitted of which will be communicated via the school office.

5. Jewellery and Fashion Items

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school, and if they do, it will be collected and then returned at the end of the day. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games or to cover them over with micropore plaster. Children are encouraged to make good choices when using products such as hair gel and we don't allow nail varnish or tattoos. School reserves the right to tell a child if they have taken it beyond "school level." Other make-up is not allowed. If this persists, parents will be contacted to discuss any support required.

6. Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so for PE. Parents should also be aware that tattoos are not permitted.

7. Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this and we discourage the wearing of "croc" style shoes in the summer. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers during normal school lessons; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

8. The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instances, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities as well as in support of gender equality and identity. If there are serious reasons, for example, religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

9. The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

10. Non Compliance

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share their reasons with the Headteacher either in person or by letter. The Headteacher will then agree a suitable alternative uniform with the parent and indicate the length of time that this will suffice. We have many spare items of clothing in school, which will be given out to pupils to wear if they persistently wear the incorrect uniform; if this is refused, parents will be contacted to discuss moving forward.

11. Forest School

All children across the school will participate in Forest School lessons at least once a week and on this day, they will be permitted to wear suitable non-uniform. Please see the Forest School guidance for further information.

12. Inclusion

As a school we adhere to 'The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.' This states that schools must 'limit the number of branded uniform items' (to 3 or less) in order to save families money. In addition to this, 'second-hand uniform should be available.' Through supporting these initiatives, Chirton offers an inclusive approach to school uniform. Please see Appendix 2 below for further details.

Appendix 1

Galileo Clothing Ltd
Hopton Industrial Estate
Glenmore Business Centre, Unit 6
8 Waller Road
Devizes
Wiltshire
SN10 2EQ

Sunbeam Clothing (OHM Clothing)
Email: hello@sunbeamclothing.co.uk
Website: ohmclothing.co.uk
Telephone: 0333 444 3020

Telephone: 01380 724442
Email: sales@galileoclothing.co.uk
Website: www.galileoclothing.co.uk

Appendix 2

CHIPS PTA Second-hand Uniform
Chair: chipschair@outlook.com
Pre-loved WhatsApp Group or Telephone: 01380 840684
Items can be purchased for a donation or for free.
Large range of uniform available from ages 3-small adult.