SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

April 2025

At Kingsway Infant School we believe that wearing school uniform encourages a sense of belonging and of being part of the community. School uniform can also give children a sense of pride in their school and in their own appearance. It also promotes high standards of educational achievement.

Aims

- To promote the school's aim of working together as a community.
- To encourage children to identify with each other and therefore to care about each other.
- To foster a sense of belonging and unity.
- To ensure that children wear clothing that is practical and safe.
- To eliminate competition among children in what they wear.
- To promote the image of the school within the local area.

The guidelines for dress and appearance cover five main areas:

a) School Uniform

b) PE Uniform

c) Jewellery

d) School Footwear

e) Hairstyles

School Uniform

Red sweatshirt, fleece, cardigan or jumper.

Plain White polo shirt, shirt or blouse

Grey or black trousers or shorts.

Grey or black skirt or pinafore.

Red and white stripe or check dress (summer optional).

Plain white, grey or black, socks or tights

Black shoes or boots.

PE Kit

Red sweatshirt, fleece, cardigan or jumper.

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black shorts sports trousers/joggers

Trainers or plimsolls - for use during outside lessons.

Clothing should not be loose or baggy as to cause a hazard e.g. catching on equipment.

Swimming

Swimming lessons take place during the second half of the summer term at Kingsway Infant School. In general, all children have one swimming lesson per week.

If possible, girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit, boys trunks or swim shorts. All children must wear a swim hat in accordance with the Junior School policy. **No jewellery is to be worn during swimming lessons.** Jewellery, stud earrings or religious items should be removed before arrival to school or children should be able to remove themselves. If the child cannot remove the Jewellery, stud earrings or religious items themselves they will miss the swimming lesson. The school cannot accept liability for items removed within the school.

Non School Uniform Days

On various days throughout the school year, there will be reasons for not wearing normal school uniform. For example:

- Some school trips where uniform is not practical
- Fundraising or collecting of goods, e.g. charity or upcoming fair
- In school activities where uniform is not practical, or for special events

All clothing, including shoes, should be practical, safe and comfortable and appropriate for the weather conditions and a normal school day. PE lessons, break and lunchtimes still take place on non-school uniform days. Parents will be given notice of requirements.

Jewellery rules still apply on non-school uniform days. The wearing of jewellery in school is not permitted unless it is a necessary reflection of religious or cultural beliefs. Ear studs are acceptable but only plain and small in type. Earrings that dangle or hoops are not allowed as they can cause nasty tears to ears in the playground. The wearing of jewellery in PE is prohibited for safety reasons. All children are required to remove earrings before taking part or tape them up with micropore tape to avoid accidents.

Cultural, race, religious and other considerations

Kingsway Infant School will be considerate to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and also cases of financial hardship. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents/carers cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

Practice

We rely on parents' support with regard to the maintenance of good standards of dress ie, the school's chosen uniform.

PE / Games kit is important both for safety and practicality. Children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days, days are listed on the school website.

Items of uniform carrying the school logo are available. Details, prices and how to order information is available from the school office and school website. Similar items in the school colours are perfectly acceptable.

Fashion items are not appropriate.

Children are expected to wear shoes that are practical, safe and comfortable

Wellington boots are a sensible option for coming in to school during wet weather. The child will need to change into their school shoes on entering the classroom.

Children should bring a coat or jacket, as appropriate for the weather conditions, for play times, lunch times and other outdoor sessions.

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Certain hairstyles of a more extreme nature can become a distraction to the child involved and the other children in the school. For parental guidance, the following list of styles is not acceptable in school.

- Gelled hair- where the hair is spiked or styled into unusual shapes
- Patterned styles, where patterns, words, pictures or logos are shaved in.
- Dyed hair

It is a Health and Safety requirement that all long hair is tied up. Any hairbands must be small and discreet, with no ornate patterns or features.

All items brought to school should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Lost Property

It is the responsibility of parents/carers that all school clothing (uniform, PE kits, coats, scarves, gloves etc.) should be marked with their child's name so that it can be returned to the owner when lost. All lost unmarked clothing will be placed in the box inside the playground area doors for parents/carers to look through. The school reserves the right to dispose of unclaimed property if it has been at the school for a considerable time.

Additional items:

Sun hats are permitted in the summer season.

Nail varnish and make up are not permitted in school.

Children must be able to do up the straps of their watches themselves and the school will not be liable for loss or damage. Wearable technology, i.e. Apple watches that have a camera or capacity for data storage are not permitted.

All uniform matters should be discussed with the Head Teacher.