

TADDINGTON AND PRIESTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Uniform Policy

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It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

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

- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.
- is appropriate for the children to engage in the curriculum e.g. PE, Games, Outdoor Education.

Our uniform consists of:

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with the school logo and motto available from the school office (Logo is optional)
- grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts;
- white polo shirt;
- Summer dresses in navy (optional);
- PE Kit- white Tee Shirt, black/ navy **cotton** shorts and pumps
- PE kit (outdoor for juniors only) – comfortable and loose fitting jogging trousers and plain warm sweater.

Jewellery

Due to Health and safety regulations, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are watches and ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover earrings with a plaster (provide by the parent and applied by parents or child), to prevent them from causing injury.

(Staff are unable to remove or tape over earrings)

Hair Styles

Long hair should be tied up for Health and Safety reasons. For reasons of smartness and to engender a sense of belonging to the whole school community, children are requested to maintain a natural hair colour.

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Footwear

We require all children to wear black school shoes without heels.

For PE, children need a pair of black pumps (and trainers for juniors for outdoor PE).

The role of parents

Parents have a responsibility to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school appropriately dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform.

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If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear specific clothing which differs from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of Governors

The governing body implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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 health and safety.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, 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 head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation (e.g. on religious grounds) with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.