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School Uniform Policy

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Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages a love of learning, creativity, enjoyment, resilience and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or and, unless otherwise indicated (e.g. sports or 'forest schools' activities), when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The uniform is part of our school ethos and we regard parents' choice of Riverside as an acknowledgement that they agree to support this policy.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform with the school logo; hoodies, polo shirts, PE Kit are all available from the school office and are sold at cost price (not for profit) from our suppliers.

All other items can be bought from a variety of shops and supermarkets at a reasonable price.

If any parents do have any difficulties then please contact the school for support and guidance.

Items of good quality, second hand uniform are often available for purchase. Please ask the office for information.

Remember to mark any clothing with names. The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly marked, we will make every effort to see lost items are returned.

Please reduce the 'risks' by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.

Our School Uniform is as follows:

- Emerald green polo shirt with Riverside logo
- Black hoodie with Riverside logo
- Black trousers, skirt or leggings
- White or dark socks
- Suitable black shoes/ black trainers

PE Kit

- Navy blue PE shorts and a pale blue PE t-shirt.

Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain earring studs in pierced ears and a watch.

Stud earrings should be removed or recently pierced ears should be taped over with a plaster (provided by parents) for PE and swimming and watches removed to prevent them causing injury.

Note: staff do not put ear studs, etc. back in if the child cannot manage it.

Make-up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

The Head teacher:

- Implements and monitor the policy throughout the school community as part of the duty within maintenance of day - to - day discipline in the school;
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained;
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules;
- Issues letters to parents / carers as required.

The Governing Body:

- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise;

- Should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Role of the Staff

The staff will:

- Support the head teacher in maintaining high standards of uniform dress;
- Provide role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing and not wear tracksuits unless during a morning or afternoon session where Physical Education is being taught;
- Make discreet and sympathetic enquiries when children fail to wear school uniform;
- Give positive encouragement to children setting good examples of dress.

Role of the Parents / Carers

The Parents will:

- Support the School Uniform Policy;
- Ensure children come properly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork every day;
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items be easily identified and returned;

Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school complaints procedure.

Role of the Children

The Children will:

- Wear the school uniform when attending school, representing the school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours;
- Wear the school uniform with pride;
- Try to keep their uniform clean and tidy;
- Remember to bring kit on the correct days.

Inclusion

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other

policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Riverside Junior School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial/homophobic intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Non - compliance with the School Uniform Policy

If a child breaches the uniform policy, the teaching team will discreetly talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and to remind them of the need to wear one.

An informal letter may be sent home to parents at this stage, notifying them of this breach. Collective praise for wearing uniform as well as reminders of the need to do so, will also be given to classes within assemblies.

The Head teacher or Assistant Headteacher may feel the need to contact parents / carers to bring some suitable uniform to school immediately

As an alternative to this, a supply of spare uniform will be kept in school and children may be asked to change into this.

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable circumstances where children may have to come to school without a part of their school uniform (e.g. through loss or damage). In such instances we respectfully request parents to contact school on the day to confirm the reason.

Riverside Junior School expects all pupils and parents to conform with this policy, but in the event of recurring breaches, we will work closely and supportively with the parents / carers to resolve the situation.

Persistent non - compliance:

The Headteacher may contact the parent directly to discuss this matter.

Continued non-observance of the policy will result in a formal letter being issued.

It is sincerely hoped that the above steps will only need to be taken infrequently and, in almost all cases, will be sufficient to resolve the situation.

While some form of exclusion would not normally be deemed as an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform / appearance policies, the school reserves a right to consider such a sanction in exceptional cases where these breaches are persistent and in open defiance of the school's uniform or appearance policy, and where all other avenues have been exhausted.

Date:

Dear Parent,

We noticed that your childin Class was not wearing their school uniform in school today. I am sure you will appreciate the many advantages of wearing school uniform as listed in our School Uniform Policy both for you and your child in school.

As our policy states:

“Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages a love of learning, creativity, enjoyment, resilience and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.”

We would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that your child is dressed appropriately every school day. If there is some problem preventing you from ensuring your child wears school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to discuss the situation.

We would hope to be of help in supporting you and your child in fulfilling our requirements.

Thank you for your support in this matter.