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## **Introduction**

*School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets an appropriate tone. The DfE (Department for Education) strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it instils pride; supports positive behaviour and discipline; encourages identity with, and supports, school ethos; ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.*

*(DfE guidance to schools – Oct 2007)*

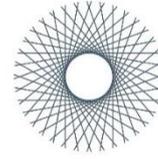
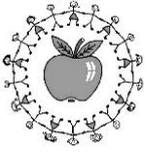
## **Aims and objectives**

The Orchard Primary School is proud of its identity and children are expected to wear the school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised events outside normal school hours.

Articles of clothing have been chosen that are either readily available at local superstores/department stores or from our uniform supplier – Beat School Uniforms, [www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk](http://www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk) (leaflets available from the school office).

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind



<b>The uniform</b>	<b>Items of clothing</b>
<b>Girls</b>	red or white polo shirt red cardigan, jumper or sweat shirt grey skirt or trousers red and white summer dress white or grey socks white, grey or red tights black school shoes (plain hair bands in the school colours)
<b>Boys</b>	red or white polo shirt red cardigan, jumper or sweat shirt grey shorts or trousers white, black or grey socks black school shoes

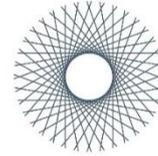
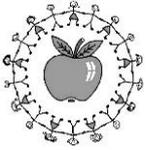
Other items are available from the school uniform ordering process including; school coats, book bags, caps.

### **Issues relating to the wearing of school uniform**

- Long hair – tied back for health and safety reasons, hair accessories should be in the school colours
- Other issues – no hair colour or shaved patterns in hair, no body paint or transfers, no nail varnish.

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we encourage the wearing of trainers to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.



## **PE / Games wear**

All children from Reception to Year 6 are expected to have and keep each week in school their school PE kit. This should be kept in a small bag (available from the school), as we are very limited for space.

### **Items of clothing**

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white t shirt  
blue shorts  
blue jogging or track suit trousers (for cold weather)  
plimsolls or training shoes (dependent upon the activity)

## **Jewellery**

Children should not wear any kind of jewellery to school. It presents a real danger in PE lessons and must be removed. Watches may be worn but we do not accept responsibility if they are misplaced or broken. If your child has pierced ears, ONLY small, plain studs are acceptable and are at your risk.

## **The Role of Children**

- To wear their school uniform with pride.
- To look after their belongings and keep their cloakroom areas tidy.

## **The Role of Parents**

- We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.
- It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.
- Please mark EVERYTHING with the child's name (unmarked items are rarely returned to the owner).

## **The Role of Governors**

- It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- The governing body will consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.
- The governing body decide on the uniform policy and it is the headteacher's responsibility to make sure pupils keep to the rules. If you have any complaints about the uniform policy, talk to the school governing body.