



# School Uniform Policy

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## **1. Introduction**

It is Ringway Primary School's policy that all children of compulsory school age wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours.

## **2. Aims and Objectives**

Our policy on 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.
- 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 / carers.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **3. School Uniform**

Our school uniform can be purchased online or at our local suppliers' shop. Our uniform incorporates the Ringway Primary School logo. We regularly review our school uniform supplier to ensure value for money.

If parents / carers prefer, however, a plain alternative in the same colours may be obtained from outside stockists.

Our uniform is as follows: -

- White polo shirt.
- Purple jumper or cardigan.
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts.
- Purple gingham summer dress.
- Black school shoes/ plain black school trainers.
- Wellies (optional).

### **3.1 PE Kit:**

- Plain white t-shirt.
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants.
- Trainers or suitable footwear for outdoor PE sessions.
- Plain black hoody.
- For swimming (if applicable), children need a one-piece swimming costume (sensible swim shorts for boys), a towel, a swimming hat and a pair of goggles.

#### **4. Jewellery**

One small watch and a pair of stud earrings (no other jewellery or smart watches permitted). For health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their own earrings.

#### **5. Inappropriate Hairstyles**

The school does not permit children to have inappropriate hairstyles or haircuts that serve as a distraction to the child or to other children. This includes dyed or coloured hair. Long hair should be tied back.

#### **6. Footwear**

It is the aim of Ringway Primary School that our children grow into healthy adults. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in Section 3 above.

We do not permit children to wear:

- Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height because we believe that these are dangerous.

#### **7. Modifications to the School Uniform**

If any parent would like to modify the school uniform, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

As per our Equality and Diversity Policy, Ringway Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents / carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If parents / carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then a note should be sent to the class teacher explaining why this is the case and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

## **8. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **8.1 Parents / Carers**

We ask all parents / carers who send their children to Ringway Primary School to support the School Uniform Policy.

- We believe that parents / carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school attendance.
- We ask that parents / carers ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.
- We would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing school uniform.

### **8.2 Governors**

The Governing Body will: -

- Support the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy.
- Consider with the Headteacher, all representations from parents / carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform.
- Liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities.
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.
- Ensure that the view of parents / carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy.
- Require the Headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the implementation of the School Uniform Policy.

## **9. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

At Ringway Primary School, we aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs.

We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.

## **10. Policy Review**

This Policy will be regularly reviewed by the Governing Body and updated in line with Ringway Primary School's Policy Schedule.