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START OF SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

Uniform and appearance

We believe that a school uniform is important:

- It looks smart, clean and tidy.
- Contributes to a sense of belonging to our school family.
- Gives a common purpose.
- Fosters a feeling of pride and equality.

All children are expected to wear full uniform which is listed below:

Winter & Summer – Boys	
School polo shirt with logo	
School jumper with logo	
Grey trousers or shorts	
Grey socks	
Black school shoes	

Winter – Girls	Summer – Girls	
School polo shirt with logo	Blue/white gingham dresses or school polo with skirt	
School jumper or cardigan with	School jumper or cardigan with	
logo	logo	
Grey pinafore or skirt	White socks	
Grey tights, white or grey socks	Black school shoes	
Black school shoes		
Hair accessories: Blue scrunchies, headbands or bobbles.		

It is essential that children's clothes are clearly marked with a name tag. Please show your Reception child where their names are in their items of uniform.

Jewellery must **not** be worn at school and earrings are **not** permitted during any physical education activities for safety reasons. It is important that ear-piercing is **ONLY** carried out in the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE and swimming lessons. Equally, children are not allowed to wear make-up of any sort to school. The school encourages pupils to have a smart overall appearance.

Additionally, for very clear Health and Safety reasons, pupils are not allowed to wear shoes with a heel height greater than 60 mm. Children who attend school with unacceptable shoes will be required to change into safer footwear, i.e pumps and replace the shoes as soon as possible.

Hair must be left its natural colour and severe haircuts are not allowed e.g. number 1 haircut, lines or patterns shaped into hair. Hair ornaments are not considered uniform, e.g. large clips,

ornamental headbands, etc. and children will be asked to remove them as they can be a distraction to learning.

PE Kit

For Health and Safety reasons, it is important that children are properly dressed for any physical activity.

PE kits should be kept in a named bag in school and returned home for washing every half-term holiday. For school swimming, pupils in Y3/4 will require swimming trunks/shorts (not long boardshorts) or a one-piece swimsuit and a swimming cap.

PE KIT FOR ALL PUPILS

White PET shirt (Please note that over the next 12 months we are going to phase in a school blue sports T shirt with school logo. We will begin staggered orders in the Autumn term)

Black shorts

Black pumps (trainers can be worn by KS2 children)

Sporty Day: Children can come to school wearing PE T shirt, black PE shorts or mid-thigh cycling shorts/joggers/leggings, school jumper/cardigan and trainers.

Coats

Your child MUST bring a coat to school whatever the weather! Please ensure name labels are clearly visible.

Toys

No toys are to be brought into school or items of value as we cannot take responsibility for any items that are lost of damaged.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones should not be brought to school. The exception to this only applies when children are in Year 6 and have parental permission to walk or cycle to school on their own. Under these circumstances, the phones will be kept securely in the school office until the end of the school day.

Smart watches

No smart watches are allowed at school as these are a distraction to learning and follow same advice as mobile phones. We like to promote analogue wrist watches as this is an important numeracy and life skill to learn.

Water

All children are asked to bring in a fresh bottle of drinking water every day. This can be in a sports bottle. The research very clearly shows that a major cause of lack of concentration is dehydration. Water is available in every classroom for pupils to refill their bottles when necessary. Water bottles are to be no larger than **750ml**.

School Bags

Reception - Y2

All infant children are kindly provided with a school book bag by our PTFA when they start in Reception. Children are to continue to use this bag in all infant classes.

KS2 Y3-Y6

Children can use a backpack for school. Please ensure backpacks are a reasonable size to be able to fit on school pegs in the corridors as space is limited: Approximate dimensions 38 X 28 X 19cm

Sun Safe

During the hot weather, please apply a long lasting, high factor sun cream to your child <u>before</u> they come to school. Children can bring in suncream to reapply by themselves in the day. Please also provide them with a simple sun hat or cap to protect their heads during breaktime. Reception & Y1 children have school sun hats for their outdoor provision.

Pencil Cases

All equipment for learning is provided by school. There is no need to bring into school any pencil cases or pens from home due to limited draw and table space. All children from Y2-Y6 have a school pencil case.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Mairi Ash

Headteacher