



Richard Coates
CE Primary School

Uniform Policy 2025-2026



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Uniform Policy

Our policy has been created with cost, health and safety and practicality at its heart. It has been designed to ensure children wear clothing conducive to a learning environment. We strongly believe that uniform can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Cost considerations

We have a large stock of clean, preloved uniforms in good condition. Please email admin@richard-coates.uk to request items and sizes.

Donations of uniforms can be made via the basket at the main office.

Uniforms are as follows (items marked with * are optional):

School sweatshirt with school badge

School cardigan with school badge

White polo shirt (with or without school badge and trim)

Grey tailored trousers/tailored shorts

Grey skirt/pinafore

*Summer dress

Plain black shoes with black soles (outdoor)

Plain black plimsolls or similar (indoor)

Black, grey or white socks

Plain grey or black tights

PE kits(Reception to Year 6) are as follows:

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black shorts

Plain black joggers

White ankle socks

Suitable trainers or plimsolls

Richard Coates black hoodie or plain black hoodie/sweatshirt



PE kits should be fully named and worn to school on PE days with Mr Smith. Kits should be brought to school for all other PE lessons.

Sweatshirts/cardigans should display the school badge and are available from Tots to Teams. All other items may be purchased more widely, including from second-hand retailers

Footwear

Plain black shoes should be worn at all times. During winter months, children may wear black boots if they wish. Boots should be plain with no heels, fur, tassels or chains.

School has a stock of preloved indoor/outdoor shoes which are provided to children if they do not have their own.

Jewellery

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school due to health and safety risks. Watches and articles of religious significance may be worn. Earrings are not permitted. We request that parents who wish to have their child's ears pierced do so during summer break. If a child has their ears pierced during term time they will not be permitted to participate in PE whilst the earrings are in place. During this time, earrings must be covered with tape. Clear plastic retainers may be worn if necessary.

Smartwatches may not be worn. These have a screen that is essentially an extension of a smartphone, and allow the wearer to check texts, emails, social media and access the internet. For these reasons and due to the value of such items, smartwatches must not be worn for school. If a child brings a smartwatch to school, it will be stored in a locked box until the end of the school day.

A fitness tracker (e.g. Fitbit Ace) is a band with sensors that relays data to a smartphone; the watches may be worn for school as long as they do not provide the wearer with online access of any kind.

Hair and makeup

We do not consider makeup appropriate for primary age children and pupils are not permitted to wear any such products. However, there may be extreme circumstances at the Headteacher's discretion (i.e. a child may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage).



No extreme hairstyles (e.g. unnatural colours, blocks, stripes, razor-cuts or Mohican-style). Hair long enough to be tied back should be tied back for PE and any other lesson deemed necessary by staff.

Labelling

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Coats and shoes should also be named.

Religion or beliefs

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. We are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and aim to act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within our school uniform policy .

Changed by James Watson

Date 9/10/2024

Status (brief explanation of changes made)

Date adopted by Governing Body (if necessary)



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