

Sundridge & Brasted CEP School

Uniform Policy



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Principles

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy and on our school website.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

The uniform is as follows:

- School red knitted jumper or cardigan with school logo
- White shirt, short or long sleeve with tie collar
- School red and black striped tie (elasticated for KS1 and long for KS2)
- Reception children ONLY may wear a plain white polo shirt and no tie
- Grey trousers, shorts or school tartan pleated skirt
- Year 6 may wear a plain black skirt
- Red gingham checked summer dress (no white panels)
- Black or grey socks, black tights or white socks with skirts/dress
- Plain black school shoes (no boots, no trainers unless for PE and for safety, no open toe sandals)
- Head coverings for religious reasons should be plain white or black

For outside wear:

- Plain warm coat preferably with hood and zip fastening.

For PE:

- Red school polo shirt, with school logo
- Red school PE sweatshirt, with school logo
- Black shorts black plimsolls or trainers
- A tracksuit for outdoor PE (preferably plain black/grey jog pants/tracksuit).

If parents are experiencing financial hardship they should speak to the Headteacher in confidence and the school will endeavour to support the family in purchasing uniform items.

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Specific Activities

When children are involved with specific activities, such as swimming, forest school or a school trips, a letter will be sent home to detail the uniform/clothes needed for the activity according to guidelines or requirements from Kent, the venue or the school.

Optional items

- School red cap with school logo
- School black knitted hat with school logo

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Our School uniform, items specific to Sundridge & Brasted, need to be purchased directly from Price & Buckland via <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/sundridgeandbrasted>

Hair

- Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school.
- Hair must be tied up for PE.
- Large “doughnuts” and brightly hair accessories are inappropriate for school as they are fashion items. Plain black or red hair bands/ties and plain clips should be used.
- Non regulation hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

These include:

- Patterns cut into the hair
- Hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere
- Hair that has been spiked up
- Hair dyed, either wholly or partly, in a non-natural hair colour.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain, simple earring studs in pierced ears and watches. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears, to get piercing done at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term. Where this is not possible we ask the children to either remove earrings during PE and games or cover them with tape/plaster to prevent them from causing injury.

Make up and Cosmetics

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

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The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy they should make representation in the first instance to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Periodically seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.