



Parkhead Community Primary School

School Uniform Guidance

With effect from 1 September 2024

Review of Policy:

Reviewed: May 2024

Next Review: May 2025

Introduction

The Governors and Leadership Team of Parkhead Community Primary School believe that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success of the school and therefore expect that the school uniform will be worn by all children. Our guidance is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- promotes a sense of pride in the school and the local community
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money
- supports safety and hygiene

Roles and Responsibilities

The role of parents/guardians in relation to school uniform is to:

- ensure that children come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days
- speak to school as soon as possible if there are any financial constraints surrounding your child's school uniform
- ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with child's name

The role of school staff in relation to school uniform is to:

- set a good example in terms of dress
- remember that in our respective roles, we serve the local community as professionals
- remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to parents of children who do not wear the correct uniform. If the correct uniform is still not being worn, the Class Teacher will refer to the Head Teacher.
- model expected behaviours and wear appropriate sportswear for PE lessons

The role of the Head Teacher in relation to school uniform is to:

- ensure that pupils comply with the uniform guidance as agreed by the Governing Body
- enforce school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within the day to day discipline in the school
- be considerate and discreet when trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform
- speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform
- work with parents to find acceptable solutions that will support the pupil in achieving correct uniform each day

Equal Opportunities

The Governing Body recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable adjustments to school uniform on a case-by-case basis to ensure that it is not discriminatory on gender, race, religion or medical grounds. Parkhead Community Primary School is an inclusive school promoting equal opportunities and a positive culture enabling everyone to be the best that they can be in a supportive environment.

As from September 2024, Parkhead Community Primary Schools uniform for children in years 1 – 6 consists of:

- Grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore (no leggings)
- Red school sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- Red polo shirt
- Red and white checked summer dress
- Flat black shoes with closed toes and straps (no trainers)

Bags

Early Years and KS1 – Red school bookbag without strap or similar **plain** bag.

KS2 – Red school book bag with strap, red school ruck sack or similar **plain** ruck sack.

PE Kit for children in Years 1 – 6

Daily Uniform for children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

- Plain black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts.
- Red school t-shirt with logo
- Red school hoodie with logo (specifically only for PE) **or** school jumper
- Trainers
- Trampoline socks for boogie bounce sessions for KS1 and KS2 (this will not be every term)

A PE timetable will be sent home for each class prior to the start of each term. On your child's PE days, they should come to school for the whole day in their PE kits.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

As we continue to introduce an increasing number of outdoor activities as part of our OPAL project, and encourage use of the full school site in all weathers, all children across the whole school age range should be provided with a pair of wellies that can remain in school. This will be essential in allowing your child to access the full provision.

Hair, Jewellery and Accessories

- Excessively short/shaved hair as well as any patterned cut / patterned beaded hairstyle or hair colouring is not appropriate/acceptable for school.
- Hair should always be tied back once it approaches shoulder length.
- Pupils should use discrete, plain bobbles and hairbands in school uniform colours.
- For reasons of health and safety, the wearing of jewellery including earrings is not allowed. See specific note re earrings below*.
- Nail extensions are not appropriate/acceptable for school.

**If parents wish to have their child's ears pierced, it is suggested that this is done at the beginning of the Summer Holidays, so that by the time the Autumn terms starts, studs may be removed. Earrings in particular represent a considerable accident risk both in physical education and play. For the child's own health and safety, they may not be able to participate in the full range of activities offered within a PE, playtime or school session if they are wearing earrings and they will be asked to remove them if worn during the school day. If the child is unable to remove their earrings, alternative activities may need to be arranged for the child and parents will be contacted to ensure that earrings are not worn in future. School staff cannot accept responsibility for the removal of earrings. Earrings must also be removed for swimming lessons according to swimming pool policy.*

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. School cannot accept responsibility for any lost items, but where names are legible on items of lost property, staff will endeavour to return them to their rightful owner.

Parkhead Community Primary School are delighted to support a local business to supply our school uniform. Parents can order online or call in to the shop to purchase uniform.

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