

CHILDER THORNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY



Introduction:

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events outside of normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts/trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. Uniform can be purchased from The Uniform Shop, Ellesmere Port or on line at Monkhouse Schoolwear. Some items are also available from high street stores/supermarkets. A complete list of uniform is attached to this policy, can be obtained from the school office or located on the school website.

Aims and objectives:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Supports our commitment to inclusion
- Prevents children from wearing "fashion clothes" that could be distracting in class or causes pressure on children to follow current trends due to peer pressure

Jewellery, Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish:

For health and safety reasons we do not permit children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are 1 pair of plain stud ear-rings in pierced ears. Children are required to remove their own ear-rings for PE or any other physical activity to prevent them causing injury. Please note: members of staff are not permitted to remove ear-rings or cover them with plasters/tape. Please ensure your child is able to do this for themselves. If they are not able to remove their ear-rings for any reason, parents will be asked to sign a disclaimer form and parents will be required to supply their own plasters/tape to cover ear-rings.

Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purposes of telling the time. "Smart" watches linked to mobile phones are NOT permitted.

Hairbands/ribbons/bows/scrunchies etc should be plain green, should not have large flowers etc attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, eg: school disco.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns or "tram lines" cut into their hair or have their hair coloured/dyed. For health and safety reasons and to ensure it does not distract from learning, long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back at all times.

Footwear:

For health and safety reasons children should not wear shoes with platform/wedge soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or black trainers (fluorescent/brightly coloured trainers are not permitted). If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE footwear whilst inside the school. Please ensure that your child's shoes have either a velcro or lace fastening. If your child's shoes have laces please ensure that they can tie them.

School Bags:

Book bags with the school logo are available from our uniform suppliers. Reception children will be given a school bag for the start of the Autumn term when they join our school and should continue to use this until the end of KS1 (Year 2).

KS2 children (Years 3 – 6) are permitted to bring a different style of bag if they wish, as we recognise that children in these year groups often want to use an alternative bag to the school book bag. Please ensure this is a small back pack as storage space is very limited in classrooms and corridor areas. The bag should be of a suitable size for school items only. PE kit should be in separate draw-string style bag.

PE Kit:

PE kits should be brought into school each Monday morning and remain in school until Friday afternoon. Children need a change of clothes and, if not wearing trainers, footwear for PE and a draw-string bag in which to keep their kit in school. If your child is wearing tights they must also have spare socks in their PE bag.

ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing – please help us by naming everything so that items can be easily returned.

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit and this is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is clearly written on all items. We fully appreciate that sourcing uniform can be costly, which is why we encourage non-logo items to save money. We also operate a pre-loved uniform stall at the end of every term where parents and carers can come and collect used items that are in excellent condition free of charge. This is also much better for the environment! Parents can come and ask for this at the office or email school and we can see if we have the items required.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our "Lost and Found" items to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

Our school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head Teacher.

Childer Thornton Primary School uniform/dress code is as follows:

- ❖ **Green** Jumpers or cardigans *
- ❖ **White** polo shirt (with collars) *
- ❖ **Grey** trousers, shorts or skirt
- ❖ Plain **grey** or **white** socks. Grey tights only.
- ❖ Summer dresses must be **Green**
- ❖ No jewellery, make-up, nail varnish or hair gel is allowed.
- ❖ Long hair must be tied back with a plain bobble or hair band and children with a fringe need to be able to see well.

We also have a uniform for P.E. that needs to be kept in school all week.

- ❖ A plain **white** round-necked T-shirt
- ❖ **Black** shorts
- ❖ **Black** tracksuit bottoms*
- ❖ Trainers are needed for outdoor P.E. (spare socks are needed if your child wears tights to school)
- ❖ Gymnastic and dance lessons do not require footwear.
- ❖ School book bag - will be provided to all children starting in Reception Class and we do not accept any larger bags being brought into school due to limited storage space. PE bags* are also available to purchase with our logo
- ❖ Plain black trainers are acceptable to wear instead of school shoes

Please note: Items marked * are available from The Uniform Shop, Overpool Road, Ellesmere Port or to order on line from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists include an embroidered school logo. Please note, items with logo are not compulsory- you can purchase plain sweatshirts/cardigans from high street stores/supermarkets if you wish.