

Uniform policy

Costock C of E Primary School



Every Child's a Star!

'As God's children, we shine like Stars' Philippians 2 v.15

Our Promise

Every day at Costock Church School we are experiencing and learning;

Service to God, each other and ourselves, Truth, Acceptance and Respect

As we leave each day we take these Christian Values with us

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1. Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform 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 school uniform within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

2. Aims & objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school:
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging:
- supports positive behaviour and discipline:
- is practical and smart:
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school:
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance:
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition:
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

3. The role of parents

We respectfully request all parents who send their children to our school support the school uniform policy. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe, as far as possible, a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps. We encourage parents and carers to contact the school if they are unsure about any aspect of the policy or if they have difficulty abiding by it for any reason.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

4. The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

5. School uniform requirements

- Royal blue sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan, preferably with school logo
- Red polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- Grey school trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts (red & white checked summer dresses can be worn in the Summer Term and during the first Autumn half term)
- Plain black or grey socks (white socks acceptable for pupils wearing skirts or dresses)
- Grey or red tights

6. PE Kit requirements

- Plain white t-shirt with or without school logo
- Plain black shorts/leggings/joggers/skorts
- Black plimsolls (to be kept in school)
- Royal Blue sweatshirt (with or without school logo)

- Trainers
- Black, grey or white socks

P.E. is an important and integral part of the school curriculum and if your child does not have their PE Kit the children will have to miss their lesson and we will be contacting yourselves if this becomes a persistent issue. We will notify you of the day/s on which they have their PE lesson and children will come to school wearing their PE kit.

7. Other items

7.1 Footwear

Children should wear black, smartly kept shoes to school (not trainers). We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Black boots are acceptable, however fashion boots eg. Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn.

7.2 Jewellery, hair and make-up

Jewellery, other than watches, is not permitted and studs or sleepers only are to be worn in pierced ears. Children must remove or cover these items during PE to prevent them from causing injury. We suggest that wherever possible jewellery is not worn to school on a PE day. Hair braids with beads, tattoos, make-up and nail varnish are not permitted. Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be plain and simple in style and in school colours.

7.3 Purchasing school uniform

The Costock school uniform, including sweatshirts, fleeces, polo shirts and PE t-shirts are sold at cost can be purchased from the school supplier Big Fish (details available from the school office). We are also happy for it to be sourced from the school uniform ranges available at stockists such as department stores or supermarkets, as long as it reflects the appropriate school colours as identified within this policy.

7.4 Second hand uniform

The school generally has a stock of second hand uniform; please ask at the school office if you have any requirement.

7.5 Lost Property

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Curriculum & Pupils Committee. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.