

## **THE SCHOOL UNIFORM - DRESS AND APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS**

### **OUR EXPECTATIONS**

School uniform is an important part of school life as it helps to create and foster a sense of community and a feeling of belonging. It demonstrates to children that there are codes of conduct and dress in society, especially in the working environment. We ask that all parents support us in ensuring that their children wear the correct uniform and are smart and presentable. We ask the children to ensure that they take care of their uniform and take pride in their appearance.

A smart appearance both in dress and hairstyle will convey a positive message about how a person values themselves and how they may fit into any learning or working community. In addition, your child will be representing our school when they learn off site at sports competitions, museum visits, residential visits.

If your child has any medical issues which require an adaptation of the uniform, please bring a letter from your GP or consultant and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

Please use your common sense when choosing hairstyles for your child. Whilst the school does not wish to dictate exact lengths or acceptable styles, it is important that you consider what the ethos of our school aims to encourage.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- Red sweatshirt/cardigan preferably with a school logo
- Black or grey trousers/skirts/shorts (no leggings)
- White polo tops or school shirts
- Red & white gingham summer dresses
- Black, grey or white socks or black or grey tights
- Children should wear black shoes, no trainers or heels

### **PE KIT**

- T-shirt - PLAIN white or red preferably with school logo.
- Shorts or PE Skirt - PLAIN black or blue
- Tracksuit - PLAIN navy or black bottoms, PLAIN navy or black tracksuit top
- Black or white socks
- Trainers or plimsolls

**NO branded clothing or sports teams items are to be worn**

### **FOOTWEAR**

Children should wear black shoes, no trainers or heels.

## HAIR AND JEWELLERY

For safety, hair longer than shoulder length should be neatly and securely tied back at all times. Make up (including nail varnish) and transfers should not be worn in school. One pair of stud earrings only, these WILL need to be removed by the child for all PE lessons.

**Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.**

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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We encourage the use of second hand uniform so please contact us to see if we have any pre-loved uniform at the school and any proceeds made will go towards our school's development. In addition, local charity shops are often a great source of uniform items, and we certainly recommend visiting them.

We welcome any donations of unneeded uniform. Please contact the office if you have anything you wish to donate, so a drop-off can be arranged.

Please also be aware that Uniform does not need to have the school logo, as long as it is the school colours it is perfectly acceptable.

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## ORDERING UNIFORM

Uniform is available to purchase from Brigade Clothing. To place an order please go to: <http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com> and search for "SOUTHWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL".

For our younger children in Nursery and Reception, some items are available at the school office whilst local stock lasts, including:

- Red t-shirts with the school logo
- Infant bookbags.

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