



Pensilva Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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Chronology

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Signed:

Introduction

At Pensilva Primary School, we believe that a school uniform plays a vital role in fostering a sense of identity, pride, and belonging within our school community. It reflects our shared values and contributes to creating a positive and focused environment for learning. By wearing the uniform, students are united under the same ethos, which helps minimize social inequalities and encourages an inclusive atmosphere.

The uniform policy has been designed with practicality and affordability in mind, ensuring that all students feel comfortable and confident in their attire. It eliminates distractions often associated with fashion trends and enables pupils to focus on their education. Moreover, the uniform promotes safety and visibility during school-related activities and trips.

We encourage all families to support the uniform policy and take pride in their child's representation of our school. Adaptations to the uniform, such as those required for religious or medical reasons, will be handled sympathetically to ensure inclusivity and respect for all students' needs.

Rationale

The implementation of a school uniform at Pensilva Primary School is rooted in the belief that it supports a positive and cohesive school environment. Wearing a uniform promotes equality among students, reducing distractions and pressures associated with fashion trends or socioeconomic differences. It fosters a sense of belonging and pride, helping students to feel part of the school community.

Uniforms also contribute to a focused learning atmosphere by ensuring that all pupils are dressed appropriately for the school day. From a practical perspective, the uniform has been designed with comfort, safety, and durability in mind, ensuring that students can participate fully in all school activities. By wearing the uniform, students represent the school's values both within the school grounds and in the wider community, reinforcing a sense of identity and respect.

School Uniform

Clothing

- Red school sweatshirt, cardigan, or fleece embroidered. It is up to individual discretion as to whether this has a school logo or not.
- White or grey polo shirt.
- Black or grey trousers, shorts, or skirts (knee-length).
- Red and white check summer dresses

Footwear:

- Dark, flat shoes (e.g., black or dark trainers).
- Boots and wellingtons may be worn in bad weather but should be changed for school shoes indoors.

PE Kit

- Black PE shorts and a plain white T-shirt (or house colours: red, blue, green or yellow).
- Trainers or plimsolls (trainers are preferred for support).
- For colder weather, black tracksuit trousers and a plain sweatshirt may be worn for outdoor activities.
- Swimming: A one-piece swimming costume or trunks and, preferably, a

swimming hat.

Please note: From September 2025, children will be expected to wear a plain t-shirt of their house colour for PE lessons rather than white.

Additional Guidance

Jewellery:

Limited to a watch and small earring studs. These must be removed or covered during PE for safety.

Hair:

Hair should be neat and tied back for PE. Extreme hairstyles or colours are discouraged except for authorized events.

Reasonable Adjustments

Pensilva Primary School recognizes that some students may require reasonable adjustments to the standard uniform policy due to specific circumstances. These adjustments are designed to ensure that every child feels included, respected, and able to fully participate in school life.

Examples of adjustments may include:

- **Religious Reasons:** Allowing specific items of clothing or headwear that reflect religious practices, such as headscarves, turbans, or modest attire.
- **Medical Needs:** Accommodating requirements such as orthopedic footwear, or alternative materials for students with skin sensitivities or allergies.
- **Special Educational Needs (SEN):** Adjustments to clothing styles or fastenings to support students with sensory processing difficulties or physical disabilities.

All adjustments must be discussed with and approved by the Headteacher to ensure they align with the school's values and practical requirements. Parents are encouraged to approach the school to discuss their child's individual needs, and every effort will be made to implement solutions that promote inclusivity while maintaining the overall uniform standards.

Parental Responsibilities

Parents play a crucial role in ensuring their children adhere to Pensilva Primary School's uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to provide their children with the correct uniform items, ensuring they are clean, well-maintained, and appropriately labeled with the child's name to prevent loss.

Parents should encourage their children to take pride in their appearance and follow the uniform guidelines consistently. If a specific item of uniform proves difficult to obtain or wear due to financial, medical or personal reasons, parents are encouraged to communicate with the school to explore solutions.

Additionally, parents are expected to ensure their children have the necessary items for PE and outdoor activities and that any adaptations (e.g., for religious or medical needs) have been agreed upon with the Headteacher.

By supporting the uniform policy, parents help reinforce the values of equality, respect, and belonging within the school community.