

Orleans Primary School



School Uniform

This policy was adopted: May 2012
This Policy will be reviewed: May 2019

1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children 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 in our school prospectus which can be found on our school website www.orleans.richmond.sch.uk. The list is also provided to all new parents and a copy is available from the school office.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- prompts a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Daily School Uniform

Nursery – Royal blue school T-Shirt and/or Sweatshirt

Foundation & Key Stage 1 – (Reception, Years 1 & 2)

White Polo Shirt

Royal Blue Sweatshirt / Cardigan

Grey Trousers / Shorts or

Grey Skirt / Pinafore

PE - Royal Blue T-Shirt

Royal Blue Shorts or Royal Blue Joggers

Key Stage 2, Years 3-6

White Polo Shirt

Royal Blue Knitted V-neck Jumper or Cardigan

Grey Trousers / Shorts or

Grey Skirt / Pinafore

PE - House Colour T-Shirt

House Colour Shorts / Joggers

Please note: leggings are not permitted for PE.

4 PE kit and House system

From Year 3 upwards, Orleans has a House system and children wear t-shirts and track suits in the colour of their house. Our 4 Houses are named after four local parks. We aim to place siblings in the same House as each other. House Captains are elected each year – a girl and a boy for each. House Points are awarded for behaviour, manners, effort, achievement, and inter-house games/sports. The winning House is announced during Celebration Assembly each Friday, and there is an overall winner at the end of each term. The children's PE t-shirts correspond with their House colours as follows:

- Marble Hill House – burgundy
- Richmond House – blue
- Crane House – red
- Syon House - green

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

4 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Our advice to parents is to have such haircuts after the end of the summer term and at the start of the summer holidays so that it can be restyled ready for the first day back at the start of the new school year.

5 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school, unless wearing their PE kit; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. Please note - open toed sandals are not part of the required uniform and can cause trip hazards at playtimes and lunchtimes particularly on our playground climbing equipment.

6 The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, named and in good repair.

7 The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Signed Chair of P, C & C: Rhian James

Signed Headteacher: Jane Evans

Date: 1st September 2016