



Dorchester Primary School



Uniform and Jewellery Policy

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Uniform

Our school uniform is very important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a community and gives us a sense of pride and belonging towards Dorchester Primary. Having a uniform promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high expectations in all aspects of school life. It promotes harmony and equality amongst all groups and enhances security, assisting the school, and others, to identify individual pupils in order to enhance safeguarding procedures. This policy has been written in line with DfE guidance, 'School Uniform, Guidance for Governing Bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities' (September 2013).

At Dorchester, we believe that having a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could cause distraction 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.

Suppliers and Best Value

The Governing Body do not insist that uniform must carry the school logo. Uniform may be purchased from a range of sources and demonstrates good value for money. Parents may choose to purchase uniform from supermarkets (Asda, Tesco and Matalan all stock uniform which is in line with Dorchester's colour scheme and policy), which offers an affordable and accessible choice.

If parents make the choice to purchase uniform that carries the school logo, our current chosen provider is 'X3 Ltd.' The school stocks a number of items with the school logo so parents/carers can make enquiries at the school office. Alternatively, parents/carers can order direct from the supplier and these will be delivered to school for collection.

The contract with the supplier will be reviewed every three years to ensure best value for money.

Equality

Dorchester Primary School fully recognises its duty with equality and diversity legislation. The school works hard to ensure that equality is fully embedded in all aspects of school life, including in relation to this policy. The school fully acknowledges its responsibilities in terms of equality issues in relation to gender, age, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

Our School Uniform

Girls:

- White shirt or white / yellow / royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper
- Dark grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- Yellow or royal blue checked summer dress
- Black or dark grey trousers (no fashion trousers such as leggings)

Boys:

- White shirt or white / yellow / royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or jumper
- Black or dark grey trousers
- Black or dark grey knee-length shorts (may be worn in appropriate weather)

All children may wear a hat for outdoor use only during hot, sunny weather. Bandanas are not permitted and hats are not allowed to be worn inside school.

P.E.

All children must have a change of clothing with them for PE sessions, which includes both indoor and outdoor clothing and appropriate footwear.

Children must wear a white t-shirt and black or dark blue P.E. shorts (no logos). Children may need trainers for outdoor lessons and a tracksuit/jogging wear in either black or blue.

We ask that children bring P.E. kit with them on Monday and leave it in school all week. They can then take it home on a Friday for it to be washed and return it the following Monday.

Footwear

Low-heeled shoes – suitable for active play. Shoes must not have heels or platforms.

White / grey socks or black tights.

Black shoes or trainers. Children should also have a pair of indoor shoes available in their PE bag (sandshoes are ideal).

Hair

Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly, with plain bands or 'scrunchies'. This is not only for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety but may also because it may inhibit a child's ability to concentrate and affect their learning. No extreme hairstyles are permitted nor are fashion hair accessories, such as 'Dojo bows'.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, the school has a strict '**No jewellery**' policy. The **only** exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, one in the centre of the ear lobe, and a watch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE/physical activity or cover them with tape/a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Children will be asked to remove any other items of jewellery that fall outside of this policy.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The headteacher, or a delegated senior leader on behalf of the headteacher, will inform parents and may discipline a pupil for breach of the uniform/appearance policy. In the first instance, cases will always be taken up with the child's parents and not the child. Exclusion may be considered where breaches of the uniform/appearance policy are 'persistent and defiant'.

Reviewer: Office Manager