



Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School has adopted a mandatory school uniform policy. The school considers the wearing of uniforms to offer many benefits to young children. Co-operation of parents/guardians is expected.

- They help children to express themselves creatively in other ways than by what they are wearing.
- Uniforms positively influence a school's image in a community.
- It promotes greater school spirit.
- It creates a sense of pride in the school can be a powerful motivator.
- Uniforms have a positive effect on classroom discipline.
- Schools with uniform policies see improvements with the children's schoolwork.
- A uniform increases the level of child safety both in and out of school.

The School Uniform

The school uniform has been kept simple and inexpensive. The uniform helps all our children to feel that they belong to a 'family' and they are proud to be seen as part of our school. All uniform clothing may be purchased from ANY retailer. The school does however provide items of clothing. The governors have agreed the following school uniform:

Plain red or white polo shirt

Plain red sweatshirt or red cardigan

Grey or black trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses

Red and white gingham or striped dresses

There is also a red fleece and reversible coat available, which children may use for outdoor wear or outside games lessons when the weather is cold.

Children should wear sensible, flat black shoes or sandals. Trainers and coloured fashion shoes are not permitted.

No make-up or nail varnish may be worn.

Parents should ensure that their child has a proper games and P.E kit:-

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Either – Red 'T' shirt or polo shirt

Shorts (Grey or black) or P.E. skirt or cycle shorts (Grey or black)

Plimsolls / trainers

For outside PE lessons when the weather is cold, plain leggings and tracksuits may be worn. Hooded tops are not allowed for safety reasons.

All PE and games clothes should be stored in a named drawstring bag: these can be purchased from the school office.

Important: All clothing and equipment should be marked clearly with the child's name.

Jewellery

The wearing of earrings, rings and any other item of potential danger can lead to serious injury and is strongly discouraged in accordance with Health and Safety regulations and Education Authority guidance. Hooped or dangling earrings will not be allowed, only studs may be worn. For safety reasons **no jewellery of any kind** is permitted during PE lessons unless for religious reasons. In these circumstances the jewellery must be securely fastened. For safety reasons and possibly the loss, children are strongly discouraged from wearing any jewellery items in school. (Watches and Medical Alert bracelets are not classed as jewellery.)

Extreme haircuts

The school encourages children to have haircuts that do not serve as a distraction to themselves or other children.

Sex discrimination issues

The school ensures that our uniform policy does not discriminate on the grounds of gender; for example, girls are allowed to wear trousers.

Protection of students' religious expression

Whilst pupils must adhere to the school's uniform policy the school is sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions. The school uniform policy accommodates students whose religious beliefs are substantially burdened by our uniform requirement. Children may display religious messages on items of clothing to the same extent that they are permitted to display other comparable messages. When wearing particular attire, such as yarmulkes and headscarves, during the school day is part of students' religious practice, under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act the school will not prohibit the wearing of such items in line with government recommendations.

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy

The Head Teacher can discipline pupils for breach of the uniform policy. The school will be considerate and discreetly try to establish why a pupil is not adhering to their uniform policy. Pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against because their parents are unable or unwilling to provide them with the required items of school uniform.

Assistance for families that need financial help

In many cases, school uniform is less expensive than the clothing that students typically wear. However, the school makes provision for children whose families are unable to afford uniforms.

Complaints

Parents should raise any complaints about school uniform or the school's dress code with the governing body.