



Caldecote Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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.

Caldecote Primary School uniform consists of:

- Red polo shirt with embroidered school logo and name
- Navy blue sweatshirt or fleece with embroidered school logo and name, or a navy cardigan
- School trousers, school shorts, skirts or pinafores should be either black, charcoal, grey or navy
- Black all over, preferably leather, school shoes should be worn. Canvas shoes, trainers or shoes with coloured soles / stripes are not considered suitable. Socks / tights should be plain in black, grey, navy, red or white.
- Red T-shirt printed with school name and plain black or navy shorts (above knee) for PE
- Blue gingham dress for summer

Clothing with the school logo is optional but preferred

1.1 Aims and Objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

1.2 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 and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we encourage the wearing of trainers or canvas shoes to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet, is not appropriate in wet weather and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear (playtimes). Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Plain, practical single coloured sandals (white, navy blue, black or tan) may be worn in summer.

Trainers or plimsolls to be worn for outside PE. Gym shoes may be worn for indoor gymnastics and dance.

1.3 Hair

Hairstyles must be sensible and appropriate for school, extreme haircuts are not acceptable. All hair must be tied back for PE including swimming.

2. Uniform Rules

School uniform must be named.

Children may wear:

- Sensible inexpensive wristwatches, but they should be marked with the owner's name. The pupil must be responsible for their watch as the school is not responsible for damage or loss of personal property.
- Hair bands and scrunchies in school colours, but children should be discouraged from wearing fancy hair bands as some designs could cause injury.

Children should NOT wear:

- Jewellery except plain gold/silver stud earrings (these must be removed for sports activities)
- Make-up, including nail varnish.
- Trainers, except for sports activities.
- Sports branded clothing during the normal school day.
- High heeled shoes on Health and Safety grounds.
- If, in the winter, boots are worn to school, then a pair of school shoes must be brought to school for the child to change into.

- Hats and scarves during lessons, except for religious or medical reasons.

3. Purchasing School Uniform

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, PE T-shirts, zip-up fleeces, book bags and PE bags can be purchased from either of the school's online uniform services:

www.yourschooluniform.com

4. The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Where a parent is temporarily unable to send their child to school in the appropriate uniform, permission must be sought from the Head Teacher who must agree that the reasons are valid. All items must be named.

5. The Role of Governors

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The Governors will consider, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

6. Policy Review

The Policy statement will be reviewed in line with the rolling programme of Policy reviews.