Uniform Policy

Vision Statement

Our Ospringe School family's Christian Ethos of Nurture-Grow-Succeed is underpinned by Jesus' Parable of the Mustard Seed. We nurture a joyful, family-centred community where all feel rooted, valued and inspired. Through play and exploration, we foster curiosity, confidence and a lifelong love of learning. Our strong, effective curriculum embraces the richness of Faversham and the wider world. We empower our children to become stewards of creation and be vocal advocates for themselves and others. We create a safe, warm, inclusive nest in our nurturing branches, where children grow in kindness, resilience and wonder ready to flourish as compassionate individuals.





Our Christian Values

Compassion
Forgiveness
Equality
Honesty
Perseverance
Courage

Policy Review		
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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought from our school uniform suppliers, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. Further, high-quality second-hand uniform can be accessed from the Community Wardrobe.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is provided in the section below entitled School Uniform List.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school and school ethos;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to equality and inclusion;
- provides value for money
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind

Jewellery, Hair accessories and Headscarves

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are small ear studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and/or simple wristwatches. Wherever possible children are required to remove any jewellery items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for pupils.

Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain royal blue or plain white and without embellishments.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with high heels, open toes or ballet pumps. All children are required to wear plain black shoes (no trainers are allowed).

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Parents may be contacted to discuss the matter if incorrect uniform becomes a concern.

The Role of Staff

The Headteacher and staff will consistently implement the school uniform policy and take appropriate action if pupils are in breach of this policy. Staff will act sensitively to pupils' economic and social circumstances, ensuring that families can be signposted to high quality alternatives. Staff will promote the school ethos and help pupils to understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important.

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 enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform List

Most items of our school uniform can be bought from High Street shops and supermarkets. Some items which have the school logo on, are sold by our uniform suppliers:

- 'Rivals' on West Street in Faversham - https://www.rivalschoolwear.co.uk/
- Online from Earth Uniform http://www.earthuniform.com/

High quality, second-hand uniform is available via Faversham Community Wardrobe, a local organisation.

Boys	Girls
Royal Blue sweatshirt with school logo Royal Blue polo shirt (preferably with school logo) Grey shorts or trousers Black or grey socks Blue school fleece (optional) School coat (optional) Black school shoes (no trainers)	Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo Royal Blue polo shirt (preferably with school logo) Grey skirt or trousers White socks or grey tights Blue gingham dress (summer) Blue school fleece (optional) School coat (optional) Black school shoes (no heels, open toes or ballet pumps)

PE Kit (both boys & girls)
Plain Coloured t-shirt according to house colour (red, yellow, royal blue or green) Blue shorts Plain black or plain white trainers Royal blue drawstring PE Bag School Sports Hoodie (optional)

Other
All children will also need an Ospringe School book bag Wellington boots and waterproofs Hair accessories should be kept small, practical and in the Royal Blue school colour