



EAST BOLDON INFANT SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when attending a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

Aims:

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Promotes a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children within the school
- 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

Our School Uniform comprises of:

- grey/black trousers and grey or black socks (ideally)
- grey/black school skirt/pinafore and charcoal grey/ black/blue/red woollen tights or long grey/white/blue/red socks
- white polo shirt
- red and white/blue and white gingham dresses
- grey/black shorts

As part of the school uniform a suitable school coat should be worn to accommodate all weathers.

All weather jackets/fleeces with the school logo on can be purchased through our main uniform suppliers.

The school strongly discourages the wearing of leather and expensive fashion coats/jackets since the school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of items of clothing.

Our **main uniform supplier for uniform with our school logo is initial Images and Excel CS cost/durability.**

These suppliers provide uniforms with our school logo, however we do not state that this is a must for families as long as the school colours and uniform is adhered to.

PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt (school logo t-shirts available from)
- Red/blue/black plain PE shorts
- Black leggings/jogging bottoms and school jumper (winter months)
- Black plimsolls/suitable trainers for outside.

Currently we are asking children to come into school with PE clothing on for their specific PE days. We ask parents to follow the PE Kit, plus a school jumper on these days.

Re-cycled clothing/Pre-Loved clothing

For any parent who needs to, pre-loved clothing can also be shared. Please do not hesitate to speak with the Head Teacher who will happily support families. There are various support banks that support families in South Tyneside and these are:

- Clothe and feed
96-98 King Street, South Shields, NE33 1JE
Unit 3, Union Street, Sunderland SR1 3BT
- Key 2 Life
Boldon Lane, South Shields, NE34 0LZ

There will be termly opportunities to browse a selection of pre-loved clothing in school. Parents will be notified of these events.

We do always welcome school clothing that is clean and undamaged to be sent into school for spare clothing in the event of accidents in school.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The only exceptions to this are:

- Ear ring studs in pierced ears
- A watch, for telling the time or counting steps of movement
- Small objects of religious significance
- Medical identification bracelets

We do politely ask that these items are removed for PE/After School Clubs for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish to have their child's ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the summer holidays.

Footwear

It is important that our children wear appropriate footwear to allow them to access school and play safely. We recommend footwear that is dark in colour, not high heeled or platformed for health and safety reasons. Within the winter months, winter shoes/boots may be worn, but with sensible soles for health and safety reasons.

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 responsibility 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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are particular reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

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.

Monitoring and review

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

- listening to 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.