



**School Uniform Guidelines
March 2017**

Philosophy

At Cherry Tree School we believe that the wearing of school uniform provides pupils with a sense of pride in their school and promotes a feeling of community and belonging.

Aims

A school uniform:

- identifies the children with the school
- is practical and smart
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable and practical
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

We ask parents/carers to support our school uniform guidelines (see list below). We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it is clean, in good repair and that it fits. If children do not wear the correct uniform the parents/carers will be contacted either in person, by telephone/text or by letter.

We welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Watches

Suitable watches may be worn by the older pupils. The pupil will be requested to remove it for PE or games. The school will not be held responsible for loss or damage to a watch. If the watch is causing a disruption to the learning of the individual or others the pupil will be requested to remove and it will be kept in the school office for the parent/carer to collect. The school will not take responsibility for these items in school or for any injury, accident or loss that may occur.

Hair

The school does not permit pupils to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children e.g. shaved patterns, mohicans, dyed stripes etc. Any adornments in the hair should be small (e.g. hair ties, 'alice bands' etc) and in the school colours (e.g. black, grey, red or white). Hair longer than collar length should be tied back using an appropriate hairband.

Footwear

Black shoes should be worn in school. If children wish to wear boots on the journey to and from school, they must bring in other shoes to wear whilst in school. Shoes with high heels, platform soles or open toes are not permitted. Neither are flip flops or shoes without a back around the



heel. Socks or tights must always be worn with shoes, again in school colours. Trainers or plimsolls can be worn for PE (black only).

Jewellery or religious adornments

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are the wearing of small objects of religious significance and small ear-ringing studs in recently pierced ears, although we encourage this to be done at the start of the summer holidays. Permission must be requested for either of these exceptions: forms are available for completion from the school office. If jewellery is worn to school the parent/carer will be contacted either in person, by telephone/text or by letter. If the same child wears jewellery again they will be requested to remove it and the item/s will be kept in the school office for the parent/carer to collect. *The school will not take responsibility for these items in school or for any injury, accident or loss that may occur.*

Book Bags/PE Bags

All children require a red book bag which must be brought to school every day. PE kits should be kept in a PE Kit Bag and should be kept in school during the week/1/2 term. Rucksacks or other bags are not allowed as we do not have anywhere to keep them and they become a trip hazard.

Nail Varnish

Children should not wear nail varnish/polish.

School uniform

- Red sweatshirt/cardigan, white polo shirt, black or grey skirt, trousers (or shorts in summer) or pinafore dress (or red gingham, striped dress in summer), black, grey or white socks or tights
- For religious reasons, black leggings can be worn, in school colours, under a summer dress
- Black shoes (no boots, open toed sandals or heels)
- If boots are worn to school in the winter they must change into shoes or plimsolls in the class.
- No extreme haircuts please
- Optional hijab - in school colours and tight fitting

PE Kit

- Red t-shirt, black shorts (or leggings for religious reasons) and black plimsolls/trainers. In winter (Years 1 to 6) Plain dark sweatshirt and jogging bottoms.