



IRCHESTER COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Uniform Policy

This policy runs alongside the health and safety and discrimination policies

1. Introduction

1.1 It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school uniform page of the school website

<https://www.irchester.northants.sch.uk/index.php/parents/uniform>

2. Aims and objectives of this policy

2.1 To inform parents of the uniform, requirements and expectations of Irchester Community Primary School.

2.2 To give reasons for the uniform requirements.

3. Principles

At Irchester Community Primary School we believe that appropriate appearance/school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. We expect all pupils to dress smartly, wearing our school uniform with pride.

We feel strongly that school uniform

- promotes a strong, cohesive, school identity that supports high standards;
- instils pride;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- encourages identity with, and support for, school ethos;
- ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome;
- protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils;

- and above all we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

4. Dress code

- Plain black or dark grey trousers/skirt/dress/knee length culottes
 - Black/dark grey school shorts are permitted during the summer term
 - Red & white striped/checked dresses or matching striped/checked skirt and dress are permitted in the summer term
- Plain white polo/ shirt/blouse or white polo shirt with school logo
- School logo or plain red sweatshirt/ jumper/cardigan/fleece
- White or black/dark grey socks (ankle or knee high) or white/red/black/dark grey thick tights
- Black school shoes (sensible and sturdy – not trainers)
 - Closed toe sandals are permitted during the summer term

Children in the Foundation Stage are asked to keep a pair of waterproof boots in order to undertake 'Wellie Walks'.

Children who are on the lab 13 committee or who are antibullying ambassadors are entitled to wear the designated special school sweatshirts.

Pupils are expected to have a high standard of appearance. Shirts/blouses/polo shirts should be tucked in at all times.

Jumpers/cardigans should be named, and either worn or left on their peg.

4.1 PE dress code

- School white T-shirt/white T-shirt
- Plain black PE shorts
- Plimsolls FS & KS1/trainers KS2
- Large named bag to store PE kit
- Track suit/warm jumper & leggings are permitted during cold weather (any plain colour, preferably black) for outdoor PE

When undertaking swimming lessons children will need Swimming trunks (not shorts) / swimsuits (not bikinis) and a swimming cap is purchased from the school office once children have been assessed by the swimming instructor. As in the DfE swimming guidance to schools, goggles are not permitted unless for medical reasons. These should be put in writing to the head teacher and passed on to the swimming teacher. These are the rules of the swimming pool to which we are required to conform.

4.2 **Optional extras are available and include:**

- School fleece jackets with logo
- Storm dry jackets with logo
- School logo Winter woolly hats
- School logo book bags
- School logo back packs and PE bags

All of the items embroidered with the school logo can be ordered from the School Trends website or shop.

In the winter months coats, hats and gloves need to be brought to school everyday as children will be outside at break times and lunchtimes weather permitting. In the summer the children should bring in a suitable sun hat/cap to wear outside.

5. **Jewellery**

- 5.1 On grounds of health and safety we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. An exception is plain gold or silver ear-ring studs without any stones in pierced ears, and wrist watches. We ask children to remove these during PE and games and other 'active' lessons, including swimming lessons. Children must remove them themselves and are responsible for keeping them in a safe place. The school will not be held responsible for any items of jewellery lost during PE sessions as it does not encourage or support them being worn to school. If parents wish to have their child's ears pierced, they are requested to do so at the beginning of the summer school holidays.

6. **Hair**

- 6.1 The school does not allow children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.
- 6.2 Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back for health and safety reasons. This applies to boys and girls.
- 6.3 Hair should not be dyed or coloured, nor have patterns or shapes shaved into the hair
- 6.4 Hair accessories should not be over elaborate in style.

7. **Cosmetics**

- 7.1 Nail polish, on fingers or toes, or make up is not permitted.

8. **Footwear**

- 8.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school,

so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers or beach footwear to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. In wet or snowy weather boots may be worn to school. Children are encouraged to bring a change of footwear to wear indoors. In school children should wear black school shoes (sensible and sturdy). Plain black fitted boots with no embellishments and low heels may be worn.

9. The role of parents

- 9.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. If parents are unsure if an article of clothing adheres to the uniform policy, they should consult the school first before purchasing. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents should ensure all items of uniform are named clearly. Parents will be required to acknowledge their responsibility in this respect in the home school agreement and to agree to uphold the uniform policy of the school.
- 9.2 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 serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.
- 9.3 We ask parents to equip their children with the necessary uniform and school equipment. If a child attends school without the correct uniform, we will ask the parents the reasons behind this and request that the next day they make sure their child leaves home with the proper uniform on. If the issue is not rectified a further request will be made in writing. If a pupil repeatedly infringes the school's rules on uniform or appearance, it may constitute a disciplinary offence. If a parent is in financial difficulties, and this results in a child not having the correct uniform, or not having adequate equipment, our school will do all it can to support the parent.

10 The role of staff

- 10.1 All staff working at the school are expected to present a smart and professional appearance.
- 10.2 Appropriate footwear must be worn when teaching PE lessons.
- 10.3 All staff are expected to support pupils in adhering to this policy.

10.4 All staff are required to bring to the attention of the head teacher / deputy head teacher any issues regarding school uniform.

11 The role of governors

11.1 The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

11.2 It is the governors’ responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

11.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical and good value for money.

12 The role of the Headteacher

12.1 It is the responsibility of the head teacher to ensure that the school uniform policy is implemented and adhered to.

13. Monitoring and review

13.1 When monitoring this policy, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, staff, pupils and governors, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it via questionnaires and oral feedback.
- consider with the head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.
- ask the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Approved by the <i>Governors</i>
Date.....
Review date.....

This policy has been written and approved after consultation with staff, governors, and pupils.

