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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Uniform

I wanted to take the time to clarify a few issues concerning school uniform that have been brought to my attention recently.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons children need to wear footwear that is appropriate for school. All children are required to wear plain black shoes with easy fastenings. These shoes should be unbranded and free from logos (no stripes or ticks). All school shoes should be flat (no platform soles, wedges or raised/high heels), and have no patterns or overly elaborate buckles, bows or other embellishments.

Although our school policy states that no ankle boots may be worn, we do appreciate that in the winter months ankle boots provide better protection from cold and wet weather. As such, plain black ankle boots may be worn, providing that they are no higher than ankle bone height, and do not have fluffy or furry cuffs that fold over. No boots above ankle height can be worn in school. Please bring in the correct footwear for your child to change into should they wear this style of boot to walk to school.

Please see the attached page to help you choose the most appropriate shoes for your child.

School Book Bags

I am pleased to see that the majority of children now have the correct book bags in school. However some children are still using rucksacks to carry their books into school, and I would respectfully request that their parents purchase a book bag for £4.50 from the school office. Rucksacks take up a lot of space in the class room, either on pegs in their class or in the children's individual going-home trays.

P.E Bags

We sell yellow P.E bags for your child's P.E kit at the school office for £3.50. P.E bags hang on the children's coat pegs outside their class. Some children like to use a rucksack to store their P.E kit, and this is OK providing that the rucksack is no bigger than a P.E bag.

School Jumpers

As parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2 are aware our school uniform changed in September 2018. The new purple jumper or cardigan, which is only available to buy from the school office, has the new school logo on. Plain purple jumpers and cardigans ARE NOT acceptable alternatives.

If your child is still wearing the old style grey uniform this is fine, and they do not have to have the logo on, but when your child has grown out of their grey jumper or cardigan we ask that you replace it with the purple logo jumper or cardigan.

Uniform order forms are available from the office, or you can download and print one from the school website. This can be found under the Parents / Uniform Information section.

Headwear

Parents or carers who wish their children to wear a head covering (hijab) should ensure it is a 'ready-made' elasticated type that is of shoulder length and can be slipped on and off easily. It should be plain dark grey, black or white in colour. 'Plain' means no sparkles or sequins, or patterned materials.

Parents or carers who wish their children to wear a turban, skull-cap or topi should keep to the school colours of either dark grey or black.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or scrunchies should be plain. Large hair accessories are not permitted (e.g. hair bands with large flowers). Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school.

If you are unsure of any aspects of the school uniform, please read the policy on the school website, or call in at the school office.

Staff in class will be monitoring school uniform on a regular basis, and parents/carers of pupils who are not wearing the correct uniform will be requested in writing at the end of the school day to address the concern raised.

I hope I can count on your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs B Kang
Headteacher

This guidance is intended to help parents choose the most appropriate shoes for their child. It is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of all of the shoes that are or are not acceptable, but by comparing your shoes to the list below, you will get a better understanding of what we accept. If you remain in any doubt, please contact the school before making your purchase, as we understand the difficulties caused by purchasing the wrong item, particularly expensive items such as shoes.

ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR FOR SCHOOL



UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR FOR SCHOOL

