

# Coleshill C of E Primary School

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## Uniform Policy

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## **School Uniform Policy**

We want our pupils to regard their time in school as important and believe that wearing sensible and suitable clothes is a mark of respect for themselves and their school. With parental support, we can encourage our pupils to adopt the right attitude to learning and to school.

Dressing appropriately is part of that process. Part of our responsibility is to ensure that our children are “Secondary Ready,” and this includes the wider aspects of school life as well as the taught curriculum. Secondary schools, and many work places take a very firm approach to compliance with uniform rules and codes, and it is important that children follow these.

Having chosen Coleshill C of E Primary School, parents are ‘signing-up’ to all of our expectations for school uniform – including acceptable hairstyles, jewellery and accessories.

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school to apply for. Therefore, Coleshill CE Primary School ensures that our uniform is affordable. For this reason, branding is kept to a minimum. Details of our supplier (Brigade) is found in the uniform area of the website.

Please clearly label all clothing. Lost property is retained for half a term. Unclaimed property is then disposed of.

## **The school uniform is:**

### **Boys**

- Green logoed jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan ([www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com))
- Grey or black trousers (or smart knee length shorts)
- White polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Black sensible shoes (no trainers or heeled shoes)
- Plain black grey or white socks
- A warm winter coat
- A sun hat
- Wellington Boots (for forest schools)

### **Girls**

- Green logoed jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan ([www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com))
- Grey or black skirt / pinafore / culottes or tailored shorts
- Grey or black trousers (no logo, sequins, or patterns)
- White polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Green and white check dresses (Summer)
- Black sensible shoes (no trainers or heeled shoes)
- Plain black grey or white socks or tights
- A warm winter coat
- A sun hat
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***Boots may be worn to school in poor weather; however children will be required to change in to shoes once inside the building.***

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## The P.E. Uniform:

During COVID, children came into school wearing their PE kits to avoid changing whilst in school. This revealed benefits to the teaching of PE, reducing the time of transition and giving more time to lesson content. In addition, more children were in the correct kit compared to the varied kits that came in during the week in PE bags. Finally, more children took part in PE as a result of already being in kit and not being able to forget to bring it in. Therefore, we made the decision to continue with this policy once the restrictions were fully lifted.

## The PE Kit is...

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE UNBRANDED (no sports branding e.g. Nike, Addidas)

- Black shorts
- White round necked T shirt
- Elastic sided pumps (trainers may be worn for outside P.E. sessions only)
- Black tracksuit bottoms are worn for outdoor P.E. sessions in colder weather
- A plain black zip-through hoodie worn with black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor P.E.
- Children wearing tights will need an extra pair of socks for outdoor P.E. (for indoor PE it is appropriate to be barefoot).
- For swimming, children should wear a one piece swimsuit / swimming shorts and a swimming cap if they have long hair.

SPORTS DAY T-SHIRTS should be in House Colours:

- Giraffes ~ Green
- Elephants ~ Blue
- Leopards ~ Yellow
- Pandas ~ Red

## Jewellery

Safety standards are important in school and jewellery presents a safety hazard. We would prefer children not to wear any jewellery whatsoever in school for health and safety reasons. However, we do permit a watch and one pair of small, plain stud earrings (such as the type used when ears are first pierced). These should be removed at home on the days when your child has swimming or P.E. lessons. Novelty watches including Sports Performance Watches, smart watches (such as Apple Watch), or fashion earrings cause distraction and are not appropriate.

If you do decide to have your child's ears pierced, may we request that this is done at the beginning of the Summer Holidays so that they are sufficiently healed for the earrings to be removed for P.E. and swimming at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

School cannot be responsible for loss or damage of any jewellery.

## Hairstyles and haircuts

Boys and girls hairstyles need to be conservative rather than fashion statement hairstyles – no shorter than No.2 grade clipping.

We do not approve of shaven tramlines/patterns/shapes/ shaved partings.

Large hair accessories should not be worn (e.g. large flowers/bows/clips worn in the hair and wraps and beading that could get caught in equipment and apparatus).

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Hair accessories that are worn should be in school colours of green, white, grey or black.

Long hair is to be tied back at all times (to reduce the risks of headlice transfer) and certainly needs to be tied back for PE (boys and girls).

Hair colouring is not acceptable.

## **Appropriate dress on designated non-uniform days**

Throughout the year we may have the occasional non-uniform day as part of the fund raising activities. We ask parents to consider carefully what clothes their children choose to wear. On dressing up days such as World Book Day, it is lovely to see the children taking part and having fun, however as a general rule we ask that:

- Jewellery, nail varnish and footwear must be in line with the school uniform policy.
- Pupils present themselves in modest clothes for a working day.

## **Make up and transfers**

Make-up, transfers and nail varnish should not be worn to school. We ask parents whose children attend dance shows/competitions to ensure all make-up is removed before school. If children choose to have transfers at fetes, fairs and parties at weekends, these should be fully removed ready for their return to school on Monday morning.

## **Additional Items and personal equipment:**

We cannot accept responsibility for loss or theft. It is part of children's growing independence to take responsibility for their own property.

## **Valuables**

Please make sure that children keep their toys, jewellery and valuables at home. Pupils are only allowed to bring mobile telephones inline with our mobile phone policy. Pupils are not allowed to bring tablet computers or games consoles into school as they are expensive items for which the school will not take responsibility.

## **Book Bags**

Children will need a school logoed book bag (available from the uniform supplier) these are made of strong, waterproof fabric.

## **Other Bags**

If children need to bring other bags into school, they should be of a reasonable size. Extra-large bags are a hazard and create safety problems. In KS2 particularly, parents should seek advice if they are not sure if a bag will fit in KS2 lockers.

## **Pencil Cases**

All stationery equipment such as pencils and rulers are available in school. Therefore there is no requirement for children to bring their own resources into school.

## **Water Bottle**

Children need a (**labelled**) drinks bottle for water. Water bottles are available for purchase at the school office. Children will be allowed to sip water only in lessons, during the school day.

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In addition, children should bring an extra bottle (which may contain squash or fruit juice) for lunch times, but these should be kept in the child's sandwich box. Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school.

## **Occasional Wear**

Wellingtons and suitable clothes for outside work may be requested occasionally by school for specific activities. An art apron/overall may be requested (an old shirt) when art activities require it.

We endeavour to keep school open if it snows, and we believe that children should have the opportunity to enjoy it! In the event of snow, please could parents send their child into school with an additional set of warm clothing and footwear into which they can change to play in the snow.

## **Inclusion**

For those who are finding the purchase of uniform financially challenging, the school has options that we offer to support all children being included in our school policies. Those who are eligible for the pupil premium are able to access a £50 grant each year for each child for the purchase of uniform items including shoes.

In addition, the school can facilitate the supply of best quality 'pre-loved' uniform which becomes available from lost property that is unable to be returned to its owners due to it being unlabeled or donations to the school from parents of surplus uniform.

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