Uniform Policy

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Aims and objectives

Our uniform policy has been updated to reflect the needs of modern learning environments. Traditional uniforms can restrict movement and limit opportunities for active play.

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

- gives a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- is practical and in line with the Active Uniform Alliance (https://activeuniform.org) guidance
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and is affordable and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.
- is appropriate for the children to engage in the curriculum e.g. PE, Games, Outdoor Education.
- is designed to encourage active play in line with OPAL

It is an expectation that all pupils will wear their school uniform and will therefore represent themselves as excellent ambassadors to the school.

Our uniform policy takes into consideration children with neurodiversity and/or sensory difficulties – allowing for some flexibility.

We expect all pupils at The Pines School to wear their uniform correctly and with due care and attention to our high expectations.

We only have one branded item of school uniform that is required (that is an item that has the school name and/or logo on making it unique to the school) – our school jumper or cardigan and two branded items that are optional, our green PE T-Shirt and the book bag used by Nursery and Reception children

Our uniform is as follows:

Uniform	**Always Active Uniform**
Green Pines jumper or cardigan with school logo (required)	Green Pines jumper or cardigan with school logo (required)
Black/grey shorts/trousers	Black/grey joggers/leggings without slogans
Skirt (grey or black) sitting just above the	Black/grey PE Shorts - Summer

knee and no higher	
White or green (Pines green) polo shirt	White or green (Pines green) polo shirt
Green checked summer dress	Socks (grey, black or white)
Tights (grey or black)	Sturdy dark coloured trainers
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Book Bag (for Nursery and Reception) with school logo (optional)	

Jewellery – earrings should be small spherical studs. If they cannot remove them, they must bring in tape for P.E to cover these (t*aping over ear and body piercings may offer a measure of protection in some physical activity situations, where individuals are required to work in their own personal space. However, the amount of tape used needs to be sufficient to prevent the piercing penetrating, for example, the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received from someone or some item of equipment such as a ball – Association of PE Safe Practice)*. Please note, they cannot go swimming in Year 4 if they cannot remove their earrings.

FOOTWEAR

Children should wear sturdy dark coloured trainers. Please note, children should wear shoes they can do up themselves and will not slip off their feet e.g. EYFS children should not wear shoes with laces if they cannot do their laces up.

EYFS need wellies and an appropriate outdoor coat/wet weather wear such as a puddle suit.

PE /GAMES KITS

Our PE kit is as follows:-

- Plain black/grey PE shorts
- School green T-shirt with a logo (optional) or a plain white or green t-shirt
- Plain black/grey jogging bottoms without slogans
- School jumper or a black/grey sweatshirt without slogans
- Black plimsolls for inside
- Trainers for outside (these should not be high-top trainers or canvas pumps, but sportswear)

If children are wearing always active uniform, they do not require a separate PE kit, although they will need to bring in black plimsolls for PE in the gym.

HAIRSTYLES

- No extreme hairstyle (no shaved tramlines, excessive hair gels, hair dying)
- Shoulder length hair and longer, should be tied back.
- Hair decorations should be small, simple and in the school colours.

ALL CLOTHES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS.

JEWELLERY, MAKE-UP AND NAIL VARNISH

Due to Health and Safety regulations, jewellery is not allowed in our school. The exception to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears (one in each ear). We ask the children to remove these objects during swimming, PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury. Make up or nail varnish is not to be worn in school. Parents/carers must provide a letter if jewellery is to be worn for religious reasons.

The responsibility of our parents

Parents have a responsibility to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school appropriately dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. It is the responsibility of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, including PE kit and that it is clean and in a state of good repair. If children wear the wrong uniform to school, a letter will be sent home requesting that this is rectified.

The responsibility of our Governors and the School

The governing body and the school implement 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 and health and safety. The school and the 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:

- seeking 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 regarding school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

We have taken into consideration the current guidance:-

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms

We have also taken into consideration guidance from:-_

https://activeuniform.org

Branded School uniform is available to buy online from the school website. There are two uniform companies School Trends and My Clothing the links are below:-
www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/ThePinesPrimarySchoolRG12_7WX
https://myclothing.com/ueslink/27739.school

Good quality branded second hand school uniform is also available for parents to buy from the PTA, the link is below:-
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thepinesschool/index.cfm?event=products#.YmE3DNrMKUk

In addition, there is second hand uniform, donated by parents and available at no cost in white plastic containers in the main Reception area.

All uniform links can be found on our website under Uniform Information, as well as a copy of the Uniform Policy. All prospective parents, in their starter packs are given information about uniform detailing our online providers and where second hand uniform is available.

Uniform is available to both prospective and existing parents.