

Emmaville Primary School's School Uniform Policy 2024 - 2025



In accordance with government guidelines September 1999 all parents are asked to sign a home/school agreement. This agreement emphasises the importance of the partnership between home and school i.e. parents are the child's first and enduring teachers.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' or 'fashion hairstyles' that could be distracting in class;
- o is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- o is considered good value for money by most parents;

Expectations

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Any pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their class teacher and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of a purple sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with the school logo, light grey polo shirt with the school logo, grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirts or a grey pinafore (no culottes or skorts). Please note skirts should be regular school skirts and not fashion skirts. In the summer months purple and white gingham checked dresses may be worn (not striped and no playsuits). Information and order forms for uniform are available on the school website. However, the School Administrator, Mrs Julie McKie, will also assist with queries about uniform. In keeping with uniform and the colours of the school, plain white or grey socks (ankle or knee high only) should be worn. Please ensure that no fashion socks are worn by the children. Plain grey tights may also be worn. Black polished smartly kept shoes are worn in school; sandshoes are worn for indoor P.E. and trainers may be worn for outdoor P.E. but not for school.

The wearing of nail varnish is not allowed. Nor is the wearing of earrings or other items of jewellery. For health and safety reasons no earrings should be worn for school, nor should children wear earrings with plasters covering them or with plastic retainers in their ears. No responsibility can be accepted by the school for jewellery or watches lost on the premises.

It is now school policy, that on PE days pupils should come to school in their PE kit. The school PE kit consists of: black shorts, white T-shirt (summer), socks and sandshoes (indoor) or trainers (outdoor) black tracksuits or leggings, jogging bottoms and black sweatshirts (outdoor). Please note, no fashion-branded PE kit should be worn. Year 5, will go swimming in 2024/25. These pupils will need swimwear and a towel and should come to school dressed in their purple uniform. A letter will be sent home informing parents when their child will be going swimming.

Hair

Hairstyle colour and accessories should be suitable for primary school children. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No. 2'. Please note that no extreme or fashion hairstyles, such as mullets, shaved or tram lines are allowed. School does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to wear hair gel. Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be small and simple in style and only in the school colours of purple and grey.

Braids without coloured threads and beads are permitted in cases where race is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items, including outdoor coats.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing 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. Governors ensure that the school Uniform Policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Where to buy School uniform

Please contact the school office for details of where to buy branded school uniform.

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