



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School
Monday 24th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have recently undertaken a whole school review of the uniform expectations we have in place in school. Due to the lockdowns that have taken place over the last year, there is the potential that some of our uniform expectations, as we have moved between school/remote learning so frequently, are not as consistent as we would expect. Please see below for our uniform expectations, which I will ask that ALL children adhere to whilst in school from this point, so that they take pride in being part of our school and demonstrate their readiness to learn.

Girls Uniform: Grey or black skirt/trousers, white shirt/polo shirt, royal blue jumper/cardigan (logo/non logo). Girls may also wear a blue and white checked dress. Sensible shoes without heels in a dark colour.

Boys Uniform: Grey or black trousers/shorts, white shirt/polo shirt, royal blue jumper (logo/non logo). Sensible shoes in a dark colour.

PE Kit

Children's PE kit consists of trainers/plimsolls, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a blue or white t-shirt. Due to Covid-19, children are currently able to come to school dressed in their PE Kits for the day in which PE is taking place. On these days, all children should still be wearing their **school jumper** in addition to their PE kit and the rest of their attire should not consist of big/branded logos that cannot be hidden by their school jumper.

Hair

We encourage children with long hair to have this tied back to reduce the spread of headlice. Headbands may be worn but should be subtle and in school, or muted colours, as best as possible.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, children who have their ears pierced should only wear **stud earrings**. We cannot permit children to wear hoop earrings in school as these pose potential problems when children play. No other jewellery (rings, necklaces etc) should be worn to school unless it is for religious reasons, in which a conversation with the school will need to take place in the first instance and a separate risk assessment would be conducted. If a child comes to school with any item of jewellery they shouldn't be wearing, we will ask for these items to be removed and class-based staff will return them at the end of the day to the parent/carer. Please note that with respect to earrings, children will be asked to remove their earrings for PE sessions or if they are unable to do so, they will need to place tape (provided by school) over them to keep them safe.

Make-up and Nail Varnish

Children should refrain from coming to school wearing make-up or nail varnish. We will ask a child to remove make-up when they enter school and ask that nail varnish is removed for the next day. If this happens repeatedly, a conversation will be arranged with parents/carers to discuss further.

Trainers

Trainers should only be worn on PE days. For all other days, children should wear the uniform as set out above. We do recognise that there are *exceptional circumstances* where children may be unable to wear their school shoes and in these cases, a conversation should take place with the school to agree a time frame in which the alternative shoes are being worn for and to agree next steps. **Please note, we will never accept having incorrect footwear as a reason for a child to be absent from school.**

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Wearable Technology

There are now so many items on the market in which portable technology keeps us connected and informed better than ever before. This rise in technology has seen the use of wrist watches change significantly from the classic style watch in which the only use is to tell the time from a digital/analogue perspective. Now, with Apple Watches and FitBit etc as well as other well-known brands, there have been instances where the use of these watches begin to pose other issues when worn in class by the children. Some devices have cameras built in, whereas others have the same communication levels as mobile phones (which are not permitted in school). Quite simply, wearable technology such as smart watches which can do more than simple basic functions of telling the time and recording how many steps have been taken etc, should be enjoyed away from school. We will allow children to wear a simple digital/analogue watch or a basic smart watch providing the only additional functions are to act as a pedometer etc.

All of this information (and more) is available on our school website which also includes links to companies where logo jumpers etc are available to order if you choose to do so. You can visit this page on our site by clicking on the following link www.ancasterprimary.org.uk/uniform.asp

Should you wish to discuss any element of this with a member of staff, please do speak with your child's Class Teacher in the first instance. Thank you for taking the time to consider these expectations. If there have been instances where your child has not followed the expectations outlined in this letter, please do not worry. Moving forward, I will be monitoring this closely and ensure that all conversations regarding uniform are held frequently and in a timely manner.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Sam Eden
Headteacher