



# Chestnut Lane School

# School Uniform Policy

## Introduction

At Chestnut Lane School we pride ourselves on being smart, well presented and ready for learning. The uniform helps to support the ethos of the school and provides a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils.

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

Some of the uniform can be purchased from school, whilst others items are easily available, at competitive prices from local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including for PE is included in this policy.

## Aims and Objectives

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. The aims of this policy are to:

- Clarify what should be worn at school
- Support the school's commitment to inclusion
- Support the school's sense of community, belonging and pride
- Ensure the uniform is practical and smart
- Ensure the uniform is good value for money and easily available.

## The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers the opinions of parents regarding this 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 the school uniform policy enables young children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and affordable. They monitor purchasing to ensure that branded uniform items are kept to a minimum, regular review takes place, prices are as low as possible and that branded items are sold at cost price.

## 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 labelled on all items. If a parent has difficulties, for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to the Headteacher. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible and parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example, on religious grounds, medical concerns, or sensory / additional needs, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If a parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

## The Role of Staff

Staff should support the leadership team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries and where appropriate consult with the Headteacher.

## Uniform

| Item                                             | Colour                | Branded     | Available from..                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cardigan or Sweatshirt                           | Red                   | School logo | School (online or at school office) |
| Dress, skirt, trousers or shorts                 | Grey                  | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Shirt with collar (polo or other)                | White or red (plain)  | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Checked gingham dress (optional in warm weather) | Red & white           | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Tights                                           | Red or grey           | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Socks                                            | Grey or white (plain) | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Coat (waterproof with hood)                      | Any                   | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Bookbag                                          | Red                   | School logo | School (online or at school office) |
| Shoes (robust, well-fitting)                     | Black (plain)         | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Hat and gloves (in cold weather)                 | Any                   | No          | Regular retailers                   |
| Sun hats (in hot weather)                        | Any                   | No          | Regular retailers                   |

Little Chestnuts, in the Autumn Term, should wear black (plain) jogging bottoms or leggings (rather than dresses, skirts, shorts or trousers).

## PE kit

For children to benefit fully from PE and sports lessons it is essential for them to have appropriate kit. To maximise the time spent on PE (rather than changing clothes) on PE days children should come to school in school shoes, jogging bottoms or leggings, t-shirt, school sweatshirt or cardigan. In the summer months children may wear PE shorts instead of jogging bottoms/leggings.

Children should have a PE kit bag in school with plimsolls.

| Item                                        | Colour               | Branded | Available from..           |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| PE bag (not necessary for Little Chestnuts) | Any                  | No      | School & Regular retailers |
| Jogging bottoms or leggings                 | Black (plain)        | No      | Regular retailers          |
| T-shirt                                     | White or red (plain) | No      | Regular retailers          |
| PE shorts (summer months)                   | Red or Black (plain) | No      | School & Regular retailers |
| Plimsolls (elasticated or velcro)           | Black                | No      | Regular retailers          |

## Outdoor Learning

In order for children to fully participate in outdoor learning opportunities additional items of uniform should be provided, and kept in school.

| Item                                                | Colour | Branded | Available from..  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| Wellies (all year groups)                           | Any    | No      | Regular retailers |
| Waterproof (one piece or trousers) (Reception only) | Any    | No      | Regular retailers |

## Accessories

- Children may only wear small earring studs, but not on PE days.
- Long hair should be tied back. Hair bands, ribbons, bows and 'scrunchies' should be plain red, white or black, and kept to a minimum.
- Nail varnish should not be worn.
- Backpacks can be used in addition to the bookbag.

## Lost Property

Unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to lost property, by the school office. Items will be kept for half a term and will then be either disposed of, or donated to the second hand uniform supply.

## Second Hand Uniform

The school holds second hand uniform which can be accessed on request via the school office / Parents' Association. Parents are invited to donate uniform in good, clean condition.

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