

Thirsk Community Primary School



Uniform Policy

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At Thirsk Community Primary School, we believe that a school uniform fosters a sense of identity, belonging and pride. Our uniform sets a high standard of appearance for all, whilst clothing pupils in practical, cost-effective school-wear. We expect all pupils to wear school uniform daily for school. The only exceptions for not wearing school uniform are where it is a PE/ sports-day, it is an agreed own clothes/ dress-up day e.g., to raise money for a charity or organisation or there are exceptional circumstances which will be agreed by the Headteacher.

Aims of the Policy:

- To set a high standard for presentation of children at school
- To make clear to the whole school community the expectation of uniform at Thirsk Community Primary School
- To promote a sense of pride in the school and a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in our school
- To develop a sense of community and belonging to the school

School Uniform Consists of:

- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White or red collared t-shirt
- Black/ Charcoal grey, skirt/pinafore, trousers or shorts
- Black/grey socks or red/grey tights.
- In warm weather red and white checked summer dresses may be worn.
- Plain black, smart shoes/trainers.

We do not insist that pupils wear uniform with the school logo on and parents can buy uniform in the school colours from high street shops. Often uniform can be purchased in major high-street supermarkets.

The school does stock a small quantity of jumpers and sweatshirts embroidered with the school logo and these can be purchased from the school office. Items are also available from the school trends online shop.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/ThirskCommunityPrimarySchoolYO71SL>

P.E. kit consists of:

- Black shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain dark sweatshirt or school jumper
- Dark tracksuit bottoms without explicit branding
- A pair of dark trainers without explicit branding
- PE kit is best stored in a draw-string PE bag.

Jewellery and mobile phones

- No jewellery, except wrist watches and small, plain studs for pierced ears
- Exceptions may be made at the Headteacher's discretion where charity wrist bands are concerned
- As per with National Guidance, no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes for swimming and other physical activities. (except for bracelets worn for religious reasons, which should be covered by a sweat band)
- Children having their ears pierced should do so at the beginning of the 6 week summer break to allow time to heal. Pupils will be asked to remove their own jewellery.
- If jewellery cannot be removed for PE and all efforts to make the lesson/element of the lesson safe for that child have been taken within reason and it is deemed by the adult in charge that the child would still not be safe, then the child would not be able to take part in that lesson or element of lesson
- Smart watches e.g. watches with the ability to connect to the internet, display messages, make recording either audio or video are not permitted at school
- Children should not bring mobile phones to school unless it is necessary. If a mobile phone is brought to school, it should be handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day and stored in the classroom cupboard. Please note it should be switched off and clearly labelled and the school do not accept any

responsibility whilst it is on the premises – any device is brought to school at the owner's risk. Children should wait until they are off the school grounds to access their mobile phones.

- All clothing, including coats and shoes need to be labelled with pupil's name

General Appearance

- Children should not wear nail varnish, make up or including temporary tattoos,
- Long hair should be tied back. This is particularly important in order to prevent the spread of headlice
- Hair accessories such as slides, hair bands, ribbons, bobbles should be simple and manageable
- Parents are asked to ensure children's hairstyles are appropriate for school

At Thirsk Community Primary School, we try to encourage our children to take responsibility for their own appearance, to look clean, smart and tidy at all times. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their child is properly attired for school.

Members of the school staff have responsibility for promoting the school's uniform policy by reminding children about the rules relating to appropriate dress. If a problem arises, the Headteacher, Deputy or Parent Support Advisor will in the first instance contact parents.

Disability Equality Impact Assessment

This policy has been written with reference to, and in consideration of, the school's Disability Equality Scheme. Assessment will include consideration of issues identified by the involvement of disabled children, staff and parents and any information the school holds on disabled children, staff and parents.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be made to the Headteacher.