

Porchester Junior School



School Uniform Policy

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Our school is about every member of our community working together to provide each child with the best education possible, in a respectful and caring environment. Friendly and welcoming, we collaborate to make real contributions that will benefit our children and families every day.

Having high expectations, we offer a rounded education, delivered by supportive staff, allowing children to demonstrate compassion, integrity and strive for excellence in a setting that provides them with the opportunities to reach their potential.







Each of our individual roles has an impact on the future of each child – developing and inspiring the future leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators of tomorrow. We strive to deliver learning experiences to engage and instil a curiosity to find out more. Our goal is to develop individuals who ask why, therefore becoming life-long learners and visionaries, with aspirations ready for the challenges of the future in an ever-changing world. We aim to make every day count for our children where they thrive and build the cultural-capital they need to make aspirational choices about their own future.

Our Uniform Policy is based upon the following objectives:

- To encourage a sense of identity with the school and all its aims.
- To avoid discrimination.
- To contribute to clarity of expectation for parents.
- To maintain a standard of dress appropriate to the activities carried out in school.




It aims to be practical, comfortable and adaptable, and in line with our Equal Opportunities philosophy. It is applicable to all students in the school.

Our School Uniform is:

-  A navy blue sweatshirt with or without the school logo
-  Black or grey trousers, standard school skirts, tailored shorts or pinafore dress.
-  White polo shirt with or without the school logo or plain white blouse/shirt.
-  White, black or grey socks or plain tights
-  Black leather, or leather effect, shoes (plain black trainers, without visible logos, are acceptable but nothing else) or boots
-  Blue and white summer dresses

PE Uniform

Our School PE Uniform is worn on the day of PE, and therefore it needs to be the right school PE uniform.

-  Trainers/plimsolls
-  Navy or black shorts / tracksuit bottoms
-  Navy/white t-shirt (with or without the school logo)

Please note no football shirts should be worn for PE.

Other aspects of our Uniform Policy

Jewellery

Children may wear a watch (no smart watches permitted) and a plain pair of gold/silver stud earrings but **no other jewellery is permitted** due to health and safety issues and liability in case of loss.

If children wish to have their ears pierced this must be arranged at the beginning of the summer holidays so the ear has sufficient time to heal and the earrings can be removed so they can participate in PE sessions. Plasters will need to be applied at home to cover any earrings. No other piercings are permitted.

Hairstyles

Hair must be of a natural colour; long hair must be tied back and items used to secure hair must be plain.

Children should not have lines in their hair.

Make up

For health and safety reasons make-up and nail polish are not permitted.

Bags

School bags (preferably purchased from Just Schoolwear) should only contain the pupils learning journal, reading book and homework. The content is restricted as we don't want pupils carrying heavy bags.

Please note bags should be of a small size to enable them to be hung up on cloakroom pegs, rucksack are generally too big and cause trip hazards as there isn't room to hang them up.

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire previously owed uniform items

Previously owned uniform will be available for any parent/carer to take at school events/school fairs. A range of previously owned uniform will be available throughout the school year for everyone, should they need it. Please speak to Natalia Thomas or a member of the team in the school office should you need more information about this.