



Denmead Infant School

"Where the Joy of Learning Begins"

School Uniform Policy

At Denmead Infant School, we expect all children to wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on our belief that wearing school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children within the school;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Our uniform consists of:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with school logo (available for purchase from Stitch Design)
- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts
- White polo shirt
- Blue check summer dresses (which may be worn during warmer weather)

P.E. Kit

- Plain white t-shirt. White T-shirts embroidered with the school logo (available for purchase from Stitch Design) but plain white t-shirts without the logo are also acceptable
- Plain blue, navy or black shorts. Plain blue shorts are available from (available for purchase from Stitch Design) but navy or black are also acceptable.
- Black plimsolls

In Reception Classes, all P.E kits should be kept in a drawstring bag and hung on the child's peg.

In Years 1 and 2, children should wear their P.E Kits to school on the day their class timetables P.E

Purchasing school uniform

With the exception of the branded sweatshirts and cardigans we recommend that parents purchase all school uniform from a high street store or on-line as this is where they will be able to purchase them at the most reasonable price.

All branded sweatshirts and cardigans are available for purchase from (available for purchase from Stitch Design)

Pre-loved uniform

Children often 'grow out' rather than 'wear out' their school uniform.

The school accepts donations from parents/carers of good quality pre-loved uniform, particularly sweatshirts and cardigans. These are available to parents/ carers to buy for a small donation using a QR code for our PTA.

If any parent/carer is unable to afford the cost of the sweatshirt/ cardigan then they should ask the school office who may be able to provide good quality pre-loved uniform free of charge.

Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons, children must not wear items of fashion jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small ear-ring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and watches.

In line with the Hampshire County Council Safety in PE guidance, to avoid causing injury to themselves or others, children are expected to either leave these items at home or remove them independently in readiness for their PE lesson.

The wearing of jewellery, especially earrings, is discouraged. **Only stud-type earrings may be worn at any time in school.**

P.E. expectations

Hair clips and bands must be removed for PE and long hair tied back with a soft 'scrunchy' or similar. The school **cannot accept any responsibility for the loss of or damage to jewellery** in school and **will not provide envelopes for items removed.**

Hampshire County Council's Guidance for Health and Safety in P.E clearly states that:

*'All jewellery and other personal effects such as watches, necklaces, body piercings **must be removed** for physical education and related purposes.'*

'with very young children, parents/carers should be asked to remove earrings and studs from children's ears before they come to school, until such time as their child is able to remove these adornments themselves prior to a P.E. lesson.'

It also states that:

*'If under **exceptional circumstances** the earrings cannot be removed, the risk of injury should be reduced by securing the studs with the use of micropore tape (**not elastoplast or plasters**). In these circumstances, care must be taken to cover the spike at the back of the ear lobe effectively.'*

They also make it clear that applying micropore tape remains the responsibility of the parent/ carer – not staff or children in school.

One of the **definitions used for 'exceptional circumstances' is the period of six weeks following a child's ears being pierced** which the school will monitor.

Footwear

We expect all children to wear sensible black shoes which are suitable for running around at playtime and lunchtime. These should be flat and easily taken on and off when changing for PE. During the summer months children may wear sandals but these should have a closed in toe and hold the heel in place (crocs and flip flops are not acceptable).

Hair Styles

Again, for reasons of health, safety and inclusion, extreme hair styles and excessive use of hair gel should not be worn in school. Long hair on both girls and boys, should be tied back neatly. This is not only for reasons of smartness and appearance but also for health and safety.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents/carers are asked to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

The role of governors

The governing body approves the school uniform policy. It considers any parent/carer feedback 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 and is consistent with our Single Equality Scheme.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with the policy and support it;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;