



FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school, we are constantly striving to help our children be the very best that they can be to ensure that they are responsible and valued members of the school and wider community. As part of this, we would like to address the current standard of uniform in school so that, on our return to school after the summer break, we can ensure that all our children look and feel smart.

Our school has a Uniform Policy because smart standards of uniform are related to good behaviour and high standards of achievement. It also helps prepare children for their transition to secondary school and the world of work and takes the pressure away from families to buy the latest fashion item(s). In the last few weeks, we have been more lenient towards uniform as we are aware that children can quickly out-grow items and many families hold off purchasing new garments/ shoes until the summer break- ready for September. Therefore, we would like to start the new academic year back in full uniform, in-line with school expectations. At this point in the year, it is always worth a reminder of what this entails.

Our main concerns recently have been:

- Children wearing trainers instead of school shoes.
- Children wearing joggers/ dark jeans instead of school trousers/ shorts/ skirts.
- Children wearing clothes on PE days which are not a part of our school PE kit.
- Children coming to school wearing jewellery, make-up and other fashion accessories, which are deemed inappropriate for the school setting.

To ensure that everyone is clear on the correct school uniform, please see an extract from our Uniform Policy on the next page.

We appreciate that family financial circumstances differ and we will always strive to help. We have already considered this when designing our uniform to ensure it is 'simple', 'smart' and 'cost effective'. Our wonderful Friends of Fairfield (PTA), have lots of second-hand uniform in storage. Please contact school if you wish to browse what is available; it is certainly worth a look! Our Friends of Fairfield team will be opening their shed doors on Monday 2nd September, 3.00-3.30pm.

After the summer break, subtle uniform checks will be carried-out by staff to ensure our policy is being followed fairly across the school and contact will be made with parents/guardians where necessary. Please understand that this is not intended to be unkind / unfair to children; in fact, it is the complete opposite. To all of those children who adhere to the rules, we feel it is only fair that every other child is asked to do the same. Again, if you are unable to provide your child with the correct school uniform for any reason, please



speak to a member of staff and we will do everything we can to help. We understand that on certain days and in our Early Years' department, outdoor/ other garments of suitable clothing will be more appropriate and staff will always advise/ guide you with regards to this. We will continue to ask that children come to school dressed in their school PE Kit (outlined below), on the day(s) of their PE lessons (timetable below for the Autumn Term). This will continue to save valuable time during the sessions and we know from feedback, it has been well-received.

If you have any further queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact school directly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank-you for your continued support,



Mr. J. Gale,
Acting Headteacher.

Our Uniform Policy

Daily Uniform:

School sweatshirt or cardigan



White, burgundy or sunflower polo



Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores



Black, grey or burgundy tights

Black shoes or boots (no coloured trainers)

PE/Sport Uniform:

Burgundy/ black shorts



School t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt



Trainers
Suitable for sport activity

Please note, branded sportswear attire (including football kits and hoodies are not appropriate).

For Sport Competitions, a school kit will be provided.

Information regarding our uniform can be found through the Border Embroideries website ([Fairfield Primary School | Page 2 | Page 2 \(border-embroideries.co.uk\)](http://Fairfield Primary School | Page 2 | Page 2 (border-embroideries.co.uk))). If you wish to order the uniform through school, please speak to the administrative team on site and they will help you with your order.



PE Timetable (Autumn Term)

Day	Year Group & Session
Monday	Year 1 – Indoor Year 2 – Outdoor
Tuesday	Years 3 and 4 – Indoor Year 6- Outdoor
Wednesday	Year 6 – Indoor Year 1- Outdoor
Thursday	Reception and Year 5 – Indoor Year 4- Outdoor
Friday <i>Year 3 Forest School</i>	Year 2- Indoor Year 5 - Outdoor

Please note: Staff will communicate any changes to this timetable as and when necessary.

