



MILL LANE

UNIFORM POLICY

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1	March 2021	Annabelle Thomas	New primary school policy
2	September 2022	Luke Marchant	Changes to uniform

1. Introduction

A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone” (DfE, May 2012). TCS values uniform as it can instill pride, positive behaviour, a sense of belonging and adoption of the school ethos. It is our expectation and school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, on the journey to and from school and when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours.

The school Governors ask parents/carers to ensure that all pupils from Reception to Year 6 wear the school uniform and have the right kit for PE. Nursery are able to wear their own clothes. The school complies with the DfE guidance, *Cost of School Uniforms* (DfE, November 2021.).

2. Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- protects pupils from pressures to conform with fashion trends
- nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils
- creates a sense of community and belonging across the school
- is practical and smart
- identifies pupils with the school
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- prepares pupils for the world of work
- promotes health and safety
- is affordable for families

3. Statutory Duties of School, Pupils and Parents/Carers

3.1 Principles

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school in the correct uniform. TCS Mill Lane will make every effort to promote good uniform and support where needed, including part-funding when necessary. Pupils who wear the correct uniform are recognised via house points at Mill Lane.

3.2 What will happen if a pupil cannot wear the correct uniform to school?

If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason we ask that parents or carers write/email a note to the teacher to explain the reason why. The school may be able to loan uniform on a temporary basis. Parent/carer and school need to agree a date for the child to have their own uniform.

3.3 Where can you purchase the uniform?

School uniform can be purchased from our online retailer, Trutex. Details of this are available on our website. School shirts, skirts and trousers can be purchased from anywhere of a parent's choice as long as they are of the correct colour.

3.4 Responsibility of Parents/Carers

- Ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. When this is not possible please liaise with school, as per this policy
- Support school sanctions for incorrect uniform
- Ensure your child has an adequate bag appropriate for school
- Remember to label all items of clothing with the child's name and class group
- Ensure your child brings in their outdoor learning on the correct days. These can be kept in school.
- On days where the child has PE, they are to come to school in PE kit

3.5 Support for Parents/Carers

Should parents/carers be finding it difficult to afford correct school uniform, they can submit a request for uniform to the school. This must be done in writing (including e-mail) to the headteacher, and state the reasons needed for further support.

4. What is our uniform?

- A white polo shirt (a white shirt is optional)
- Black V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo*. This is the only piece of branded uniform pupils are expected to wear.
- Plain black full length tailored trousers (not clinging or made from stretch fabric; jeans, leggings and chinos are not appropriate school wear); or a plain, black skirt or plain, black shorts.
- Plain black or dark belt if required. Designer logos are not permitted
- Black tights can be worn with skirts. Socks must **not** be worn over tights; black socks may be worn beneath tights but should not be visible.
- Plain black school shoes of sensible design (trainers, plimsolls and other varieties of canvas shoes are not deemed to be safe or appropriate footwear). All shoes must have a flat sole. Boots are acceptable if they are plain black and worn inside trousers. Boots must not be worn with skirts.
- Plain warm waterproof coat (no hoodies or casual jackets such as leather or denim).
- Scarfs, hats and gloves may be worn outdoors in colder months
- Optional summer dress-sky blue and white with white socks

PE KIT

- House colour logo t-shirt available from Trutex
- Black shorts (not lycra)

- Sports trainers or plimsols for indoor use only: trainers must have non-marking soles, be clean and solely used for indoor use. Dance and gym lessons require bare feet (a specialist sock should be worn in cases of medical concerns).
- Black full length tracksuit bottoms may be worn as an alternative to shorts for some activities
- Football boots for outdoor use

5. General Uniform Expectations at Mill Lane

- Pupils are expected to be neat, clean and equipped for their learning.
- A plain coat can be worn.
- No hats or caps may be worn in school buildings unless for medical reasons. However, pupils are permitted to wear a plain sun hat/cap for PE and other outside activities on sunny days, for protection.
- Hair must be of a natural colour; no tram lines and not cut shorter than a grade 2. Extreme hairstyles such as Mohicans etc. are not permitted. Hair accessories should be minimal and discreet.
- A single pair of small, plain, discrete earrings/studs and a watch may be worn. Facial, tongue and body piercings are not permitted. Nail varnish must be of a natural colour and no acrylic nails permitted. Make up is not permitted.
- If worn, necklaces must be discreet and not visible. Pupils may not wear this during PE or physical activities.

6. EQUIPMENT

6.1 General

Parents/carers should ensure their child arrives at school each day with the correct equipment in a bag/rucksack capable of holding:

- Any library books loaned to pupils for use at home or in school must be cared for and returned at the end of the period of loan.
- A reading record book

7. LOST PROPERTY

If you would like to enquire about an item of lost clothing please check with the school office or the class teacher. If you find any lost property, please hand into the school office. All lost property is stored in a cupboard in the main hallway if you wish to check for any missing items. Any lost property which remains unclaimed by the end of the half term will be donated to a local charity shop/used for spare clothing within the school.

8. DAMAGED PROPERTY

If a child damages their uniform or clothing at school or on a school trip, the school will not accept responsibility for this or provide financial compensation for these items. The same applies to personal clothing or property when worn in school or on a school trip.