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School Uniform Policy
at Rose Green Junior School

A Guide for Parents

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1 Introduction

1.1 We are very proud of our school and our uniform. It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. There are occasions when school uniform may not be worn (e.g., themed days, residentials) and parents will be notified of these days, together with a description of the most appropriate alternative uniform.

2 Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- encourages a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- is not discriminating to those who may have religious, cultural or family practice;
- is easily available for parents and carers.

3 School Uniform List

3.1 All uniform is available to purchase from JW Sports in Bognor Regis. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is as follows:

Compulsory Uniform

- Red V neck sweatshirt with Rose Green logo or red cardigan with Rose Green logo.
- White collared shirt (plain and buttons to the neck). Long or short-sleeved.
- Rose Green red & green striped tie (traditional or clip-on).
- Flat black shoes - lace-up, velcro or buckled shoes. No coloured trainers, no boots, no open-toe sandals. (Plain, fully black, smart trainer-style shoes are permitted).
- Charcoal grey trousers or grey shorts.
- Charcoal grey skirt or grey pinafore.
- Grey or white socks or grey tights.

Optional Uniform

- Red checked summer dress with white socks.

** If handstands are being performed, whilst wearing skirts or dresses, children can wear black shorts underneath, which should not be visible below the dress or skirt line.*

PE Kit

- Red polo shirt with Rose Green logo
- Black PE shorts. *(Style as demonstrated in photograph)*
- Plain white socks.
- Trainers or plimsolls.
- *Plain black tracksuit top.
- *Plain black tracksuit trousers or leggings.

** Tracksuit may be worn during cold weather. Please make sure the tracksuit is mainly plain black with no large slogans.*

Optional Clothing *(Outdoor use only, this is not uniform)*

- Red reversible fleece/rain jacket with Rose Green logo.
- Red cap with Rose Green logo.

4 Lost Property

4.1 We expect all uniform to be named so that it can be returned quickly. We encourage parents to use the iron-on labels which are quick and easy to use.

4.2 In some circumstances, school staff may label school clothing with the child's name in pen if it is not named already.

4.3 Items of lost property which are named will be returned to the child. Other lost property will be kept at school and will be accessible to parents. Lost property will also be arranged outside at the end or beginning of the school day for parents to look through at least once a term.

4.4 Any unclaimed property may be re-sold by the school, donated to charity, or disposed of as necessary.

5 Jewellery

5.1 On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain, may be permitted following discussion with the Head of School. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster or micropore tape. Watches must also be removed for PE and games.

6 Wrist Bands

6.1 Children are not encouraged to wear wrist bands or bracelets unless it is for medical or religious purposes.

7 Hair Bands

7.1 Children with long hair need to ensure that this is tied back appropriately.

7.2 Hair bands must be plain with no additional accessories/decoration and must be either black, white, grey, red or green.

8 Make up and Nail Varnish

8.1 The school does not permit children to wear make up or nail varnish.

9 Footwear

9.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

10 The role of parents and carers

10.1 We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

10.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Executive Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers 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, or is not in-line with a child's religious, cultural or family traditions, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Executive Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities, religious or cultural traditions unfavourably.

11 Children Eligible to Receive Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

11.1 In order to support low-income families, it is our policy to supply one school jumper and one tie free of charge to parents, for each child each year who have registered for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium. A leaflet is available for parents from the school office, outlining the criteria for eligibility.

12 The Role of the School Community Council (SCC)

12.1 The local SCC supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

12.2 It is the SCC's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

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

12.4 The SCC may give discretionary allowance and must consider exceptions not only for religious beliefs, but for those pupils who contend that a cultural or family practice means an exemption or relaxation of the rules would be necessary.

13 Monitoring and Review

13.1 When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the SCC will:

- seek the views of parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Executive Headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Executive Headteacher to report to the SCC on the way in which the policy is being implemented

Frequently asked questions

Where can I purchase uniform?

All uniform can be purchased from JW Sports in Bognor Regis. Uniform can also be purchased from their website www.jwsports.co.uk . Some elements of the uniform can still be purchased from supermarkets and other stores, thus allowing parents to shop around.

When can I purchase uniform?

School uniform is available to purchase throughout the year from JW Sports.

My child cannot tie their own tie.

Everyone has to start somewhere and children come to school to learn what they do not already know. We will support children in school and children will support each other. We have purposefully offered the option of a clip-on tie which is aimed at children who may struggle before they progress to the traditional tie, just like some children having Velcro shoes before they learn how to tie laces.

Why don't you sell uniform from school?

There are many advantages for us not selling uniform direct from school. Some of the key advantages are listed below:

- JW Sports supply uniform for the majority of schools in Bognor Regis and Felpham including the two main secondary schools, therefore they are able to achieve better economies of scale, which enables them to sell it far cheaper to parents than we would be able to.
- The busiest time when parents want to purchase school uniform is during August ready for the new school year and at weekends. We will not be able to sell uniform during these times, whereas JW Sports can thus making it more convenient for parents.
- If we were selling uniform direct from school, we would have to order large amounts and be able to have a range of sizes, which means that a lot of money is tied up in stock. Naturally, with stock there can also be wastage with certain sizes not selling. We feel this money should be spent on improving children's learning rather than being tied up in stock.

Is there any support for low-income families?

Yes. All children in Years 3 – 6 who are registered to receive Pupil Premium funding (this includes children who are registered for Free School Meals, Service Children or Children Adopted from Care) can claim to receive a school jumper and choice of tie, free of charge for each academic year. Please make sure you are registered with the school.