



Uniform Policy

The Chorus Schools Federation
(St. Giles', St. Andrew's & Wethersfield
C of E Primary Schools)

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Within The Chorus School Federation we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to St. Giles', St. Andrew's or Wethersfield C of E Primary Schools, parents agree to support our policy.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school(s) and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school(s); Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school(s);
- Identifies children with our school(s) when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform with the school logo; jumper or cardigans and book bags are available from:

School	Supplier
St Giles'	Baldwins of Halstead Ltd https://www.baldwins-departmentstores.com/st-giles
St Andrew's	School Trends https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StAndrewsPrimarySchoolCO107EH Baldwins of Halstead Ltd https://www.baldwins-departmentstores.com/st-andrews-c-of-e-primary-school-bulmer
Wethersfield	http://www.schooltrendsonline.com/click on find your school/Wethersfield C E V C Primary School Braintree Essex CM74BP Or http://www.brigade.uk.com/parents order here/ Wethersfield Church of England School

All other items can be bought from a variety of shops and supermarkets at a reasonable price.

If parents do have any difficulties then, please contact the school in the strictest confidence for support and guidance.

The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly named, will make every effort to see lost items are returned.

The kit list for Forest School is different for schools because of the environment and surroundings that the children are using.

Please reduce the 'risks' by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.

St Andrew's C of E Primary School, Bulmer	Colours: Navy blue, Gold and Grey
Navy blue Crew Neck Sweatshirt or Sweat Cardigan (with logo) Plain 'Gold' Polo Shirt Please ensure 'gold' not yellow Grey Trousers, Shorts or Skirt Grey or White Socks Smart Black Shoes (not trainers) Navy/White Checked Summer dress Book Bag/Backpack – with logo PE Kit: Black shorts, navy blue polo shirt, plimsolls or trainers. Children may wear a black tracksuit or black joggers for outdoor P.E. lessons. Forest School Kit: <u>Cold Weather Clothing</u> Long sleeved t-shirt full length trousers Jumper Gloves and hat Waterproof jacket (provided for Reception and Year 1) Waterproof trousers (provided for Reception and Year 1) Wellies or walking boots. <u>Warm Weather Clothing</u> Long sleeved t-shirt Tracksuit bottoms/walking trousers/leggings (not jeans) Waterproof lightweight jacket (and trousers if you have them) Sun Hat Wellies or walking boots	

St Giles' C of E Primary School	Colours: Bottle Green, Gold and Grey
Bottle green Crew Neck Sweatshirt or Sweat Cardigan (with logo) Plain 'Gold' Polo Shirt Please ensure 'gold' not yellow Grey Trousers, Shorts or Skirt Grey or White Socks Smart Black Shoes (not trainers) Green/White Checked Summer dress Book Bag/Backpack – with logo PE Kit: Black shorts, bottle green polo shirt, plimsolls or trainers. Children may wear a black tracksuit or black joggers for outdoor P.E. lessons. Forest School Kit: <u>Cold Weather Clothing</u> Long sleeved t-shirt full length trousers Jumper Gloves and hat Waterproof jacket (provided for Reception and Year 1) Waterproof trousers (provided for Reception and Year 1) Wellies or walking boots. <u>Warm Weather Clothing</u> Long sleeved t-shirt Tracksuit bottoms/walking trousers/leggings (not jeans) Waterproof lightweight jacket (and trousers if you have them) Sun Hat Wellies or walking boots	
Wethersfield C of E Primary School	Colours: Red and Grey
Red Crew Neck Sweatshirt or Sweat Cardigan (with logo) Red polo shirt with optional logo Grey Trousers, Shorts or Skirt Grey or White Socks Smart Black Shoes (not trainers) Red/White Checked Summer dress Book Bag/Backpack – with logo PE Kit: Black shorts, red polo or t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers. Children may wear a black tracksuit or black joggers for outdoor P.E. lessons. Forest School Kit: Jogging bottoms Gloves and hat Warm Coat Waterproof jacket (optional weather dependent) Waterproof trousers (optional, weather dependent) Wellies or walking boots.	

Storage

PE Kits should be stored in a small bag (such as a drawstring bag) that can be hung up in the cloakroom area. Each item should be named. We do not have capacity to house large rucksacks so please only bring essentials to school.

Swimming

Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume.

Boys must wear trunks or 'short' swimming shorts (not baggy Bermuda type shorts)

Second Hand Uniform

To support parents/ carers, second hand uniform is available. Events are organised periodically or stock can be looked at on request. We welcome donations of good quality items including wellies and waterproofs that children have grown out of.

Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears, jewellery of a religious nature and a watch.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair

Hairstyle should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles would include shaved patterns in the scalp, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes. Such hairstyles are not acceptable at school. All children, girls and boys, are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough, for PE, or when required by the class teacher for a specific class activity where H&S rules apply.

Make-Up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed without a trace.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes as stated in the uniform list. Boots are not permitted, school shoes are required.

Role of the Executive Headteacher, Deputy Executive Headteacher and Governing Board

The Executive Headteacher/Deputy Executive Headteacher:

- Implements and monitors the policy throughout the school community;
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained;
- Contact parents/carers, where appropriate, to discuss any issues with school uniform.

The Governing Board:

- Supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy;
- Liaises with the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity;
- Will be receptive to any reasonable complaint/representation from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise;
- Aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome;
- Ensure that the uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities;
- Ensure that the uniform enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Role of Parents/Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request that are asked to speak in the strictest confidence to the Executive Headteacher to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing may be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit.

If a child forgets their swimming kit, the relevant school office will attempt to contact parents/carers to bring a swimming kit to school.

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school uniform. In these situations we ask that parents contact the relevant school office on the day to confirm the reason.

The Chorus Schools Federation expect all pupils and parents to conform with this policy, but in the event of persistent breaches, we will work closely with the parents/carers to resolve the situation.

Inclusion

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other federation policies.

The Chorus Schools Federation are committed to creating a positive environment that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

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 consider such requests sympathetically.

Monitoring/Review

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the Governing Board. When reviewing the policy, we will seek views from the Executive Headteacher, Staff and Parents.