



# Dress Code and Uniform Policy

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At Ropley CE Primary School we aim to foster a feeling of community within our school. We expect all children to wear school uniform. We believe that it is smart, it gives the school an identity and it gives the child a sense of belonging.

We believe that staff are role models for pupils and should dress accordingly.

We believe that both staff and pupils should dress appropriately for the activities they are undertaking.

## **School Uniform**

Pale blue polo shirt with or without embroidered logo

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with or without embroidered logo

Charcoal grey trousers/shorts/skirt

In summer, girls may wear blue and white striped or checked dresses.

Children should wear black shoes for school (not boots).

Socks should be grey, black or white, tights should be grey.

During PE it is important for reasons of hygiene and safety that pupils and staff have a change of clothing.

### **P.E. kit**

House colour T-shirt

Black shorts

Clean trainers for indoors

### **Outdoor sports**

Trainers

House colour hoodie (optional)

Embroidered items of uniform are available from our uniform provider – Skoolkit, who have an online store and a shop in Basingstoke. Plain royal blue and charcoal grey items are available to purchase from the high street. All items of uniform should be clearly marked with your child's name.

## **Code of Dress**

We ask parents **not** to send their children to school wearing:

- Unsuitable shoes e.g. high heels or flip flops, open toed sandals without socks
- Branded clothes
- Make up, nail varnish or excessive amounts of hair gel
- Extreme haircuts and styles
- Earrings should be small, plain and covered with tape for PE. Tape must be provided by parents and kept in PE bags.

### **Art and Craft**

For some art and craft activities it is important to protect clothing. Whilst we have some art shirts in school, children may be asked to provide an apron or old shirt for this purpose.

### **Hair**

All children with long hair should have it tied back neatly. This is ESSENTIAL for P.E. regardless of gender.

### **Jewellery**

Pupils may wear watches, but we do not believe that jewellery is suitable for the school day. The DFE advises that jewellery should not be worn during PE sessions except by children with pierced ears who should wear 'sleepers' or small studs; these should be taped to avoid accidents. Any pupil wearing pierced earrings must be able to remove and replace them themselves and children should be able to apply tape themselves. The safety of our children is our first priority.

School staff will accept no responsibility for the safe keeping of watches or jewellery.

### **Lost Property**

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians that all school clothing (uniform, PE kit, coats, scarves, gloves, etc) should be marked with their child's name so that it can be returned to the owner when it is lost. All lost, unmarked clothing will be placed in the lost property bins for pupils and parents to look through. The school reserves the right to dispose of unclaimed lost property if it has been in the school for a considerable time.

### **Staff Dress**

All staff should be mindful that their dress sets an example to pupils. When staff dress smartly, pupils are more likely to follow suit. Staff are therefore expected to exercise professional judgement when deciding what to wear during the course of a normal school day.

- Staff need to be aware of the dangers of wearing open-toed shoes. Flip flops should not be worn (with the exception of the swimming pool).
- For particular activities, such as teaching PE, it sets a good example to pupils if staff also change into suitable clothing. For reasons of safety, staff should always change into suitable footwear for PE.

### **Implementing and Monitoring this Policy**

- All staff are responsible for implementing this policy. Pupils should be praised when they are wearing appropriate clothing.
- If children wear inappropriate clothing, make-up or jewellery, the class teacher should discuss the school dress code with them. Parents may need to be contacted to request that they support school policy.
- Staff should inform the headteacher if they feel that standards of dress are deteriorating in their class.