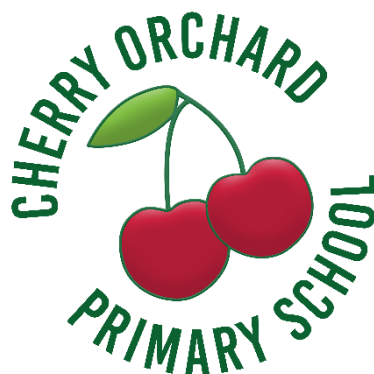


School Uniform Protocol

The Rivers C of E Academy Trust

Cherry Orchard Primary School



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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our protocol on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the headteacher, Mrs Banford, who can answer questions about the protocol and respond to any requests

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform protocol and carefully considering any complaints about the protocol

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

- > Red sweatshirt / Red 'V' Neck jumper / Red button cardigan
- > Red or white polo shirt
- > Green skirt or pinafore dress
- > Dark grey trousers
- > Grey or black tights or socks
- > Black shoes

4.2 Where to purchase it

- > As part of our continued commitment to doing our part to make our school as sustainable as we can, we also have a large collection of '**pre loved**' uniform available for families to take for free or a small donation. The Pre-loved uniform is available for parents/carers to look through during events such as Parent's Evenings or COSA events. Please don't hesitate to contact the office should you require uniform at other times.
- > Our branded school uniform is available at **Monkhouse Schoolwear** (formerly School Togs) in Worcester city centre. You can visit the shop or order online. Other items suggested below are readily available to purchase at popular chain stores/ supermarkets.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school

- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the headteacher, Mrs Banford, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform protocol in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the headteacher, Mrs Banford, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform protocol in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents and carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform protocol the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation does not improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform protocol will be dealt with by the headteacher, Mrs Banford. In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform protocol, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This protocol template will be reviewed and approved as necessary and at least every three years by the Director of Learning Development and Inclusion. Each individual school's protocol will be reviewed as necessary and at least every three years by the headteacher.

7. Links to other policies

This protocol is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy