

# **Two Village C of E Primary School**



## **Uniform Policy**



## **Policy on Uniform, Hairstyles and Jewellery**

At Two Village, it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or sometimes when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We hope that all children will aspire to take a sense of pride in their appearance and that our Uniform Policy will allow all pupils to establish a shared identity and to celebrate what they have in common, whilst continuing to be able to exercise their individuality and enjoy their diversity.

### **Aims**

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- 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
- Designed with health and safety in mind

At Two Village, our uniform is simple and affordable. The school does not sell uniform but the majority of our uniform can be purchased from most large stores, at a reasonable price. Uniform is also available from Anglia Sports and Schoolwear <https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/> for anyone who specifically wants their child to wear clothing showing the school's logo. Please note that this is, however, not compulsory.

Although the school does not sell school uniform, we do hold some item of uniform in different sizes to enable parents/carers to look at or/and try items before purchasing these online. We also hold and collect a selection of second hand items in school. Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable. We ensure that arrangements are in place so that second-hand school uniforms are available for parents to acquire (through periodic second-hand uniform sales or swap shops).

### **Our Uniform**

Our school uniform is worn throughout the school, from Reception through to Year 6, and is applicable to both boys and girls.

- Two Village logo sweatshirt/fleece or plain bottle green v neck jumper or cardigan (black or grey sweatshirts/fleeces/cardigans/jumpers are not allowed)
- White shirt
- School tie – green and yellow
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress/shorts (not jogging trousers or jeans)
- A green checked gingham dress or playsuit may be worn in the summer with a bottle green sweatshirt/fleece/jumper/cardigan. No other type or colour of cardigan is allowed.
- Socks/tights – grey/bottle green or white when wearing gingham dresses.
- Children in Early Years may wear a white polo shirt, instead of a shirt, for ease of changing and it is not compulsory for them to wear a tie until they enter Year 1. However, they are very welcome to wear a shirt and tie while in Early Years if they would like to do so.

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### Footwear

- Sensible, dark-coloured school-type shoes should be worn, without high heels. Shoes with sports logos are not allowed.
- Strappy, open toe sandals are not allowed for safety reasons unless there is a medical reason.
- **Children may wear smart, leather or leather effect black boots to school in the winter months.**

### PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White round neck t-shirt
- Black plimsolls
- Jogging bottoms, sweatshirt/hoody and trainers are needed for outdoor PE during cold weather. As part of our health education, we promote an active lifestyle and PE lessons are held both in the school hall and on the playgrounds or school field throughout the year. Jogging bottoms and sweatshirts/hoodies should be black.
- PE kits should be brought to school in a drawstring bag.

### Forest School

At Two Village we are fortunate to be able to deliver Forest School sessions on the school site. If your child is attending forest school sessions, they will need the following for protection:

- Waterproofs – jacket and trousers, or all in one
- A comfortable pair of trousers, such as jogging bottoms (not jeans)
- A long-sleeved top
- A thick jumper/fleece
- Wellies or sturdy shoes (thick sole for protection), which you do not mind getting wet or muddy
- In cold weather hats and gloves are also required.

As well as wearing correct uniform, all pupils are expected to comply with the following.

### Hair

- Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, which are designed to attract attention, including dyed or obviously streaked hair, and styles such as spikes, Mohicans and images or lines cut into the hair.
- Long hair must be tied back for PE (boys and girls).

### Jewellery

- Jewellery is not allowed at any time (with the exception of one pair of small earring studs) for health and safety reasons.
- We follow Essex County Council policy that no earrings, including studs, can be worn for PE.
- Watches are allowed but must be removed for PE

**Tattoos and body piercings** are not allowed.

**Make up, coloured nail varnish and false nails** are not allowed.

### Bags

- In Key Stage 1 and Early Years, children should only need to bring a book bag and PE kit to school.
- In Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring a rucksack to school.

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### **Reasonable Requests for Variation of Uniform**

The Uniform Policy has been adopted with consideration for ethnicity, religion and belief and disability. Requests for variations to the school uniform which are directly related to particular established social, religious or cultural traditions, however, will be considered on an individual basis by the Senior Leadership Team. Legitimate requests for variation under health grounds will also be considered and will require medical evidence.

### **Lost Uniform**

All uniform must be clearly named. Any unnamed and unidentified items of uniform will be taken to our lost property box which is located in the entrance area of the school, outside the school office. Lost property will be kept for a term and either recycled or reused.

This policy cannot deal with every possible new fashion and variation of dress and hairstyles. The Headteacher, supported by the Local Schools Board, reserves the right to take exception to hair styles and dress which deliberately breach the general school dress code.

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