

Dear Parents/Carers,

All children are expected to wear school uniform as it helps create a sense of identity and belonging to our school. With our behaviour management, we are adopting a 'This is how we do it here,' approach which we are going to extend to school uniform. In September, we request that all children show they are 'ready' to be part of our Parkwood School community by wearing the correct uniform. Our expectations are as follows:

- A white blouse, shirt or polo shirt
- Plain smart skirt or pinafore in grey or black
- Trousers or tailored shorts in grey or black
- In summer, girls may wear a red checked/striped dress
- Socks should be white, grey or black in colour

Jewellery and Hair Accessories:

Physical activity is something the children will participate in on a daily basis therefore we kindly ask that earrings are not worn at all in school for their PE lesson for the children's safety. However, if earrings are worn to school, they must be small studs and must be removed by your child for PE as we cannot put tape over the top. Also, it is essential that long hair, shoulder length or longer, should be tied back using a plain black, hair-colour or school uniform colour. Bows and other accessories are not permitted.

PE Kit

- Blue or black plain shorts
- Plain, round-neck, white t-shirt (see note below)
- Trainers for indoor/outdoor games if your child wears school shoes (see note below regarding footwear)
- Plain, black jogging bottoms
- School sweatshirt/cardigan to be worn into school and during the school day on PE days
- Plain round-neck black or blue jumper to be put on in school before winter games (hoodies can be worn although hoods and zips present risks in PE therefore our preferred option is a round neck jumper).

PE kit should be worn to school on your child's PE day and Sports Day. Children work in bare feet for all gymnastic activities in school when they are using PE apparatus

Moving forward, we would like to request that all children, including Year 3 to Year 6, now wear a white, round-necked PE t-shirt: they are cheaper and easier to purchase. Of course, if you have already purchased a house-colour t-shirt or have one ready and waiting from an older sibling, then you are more than welcome to send your child wearing the house-coloured t-shirt until it no longer fits them. Just like the jumpers with the old logos, coloured t-shirts will be phased out.

Footwear:

Shoes. Always contentious. We aim to make footwear as straight forward as possible moving forward. Our children are more active in school than they have ever been with the introduction of the daily mile and sensory circuits therefore we are now changing our shoe policy to include wearing trainers that fit specific criteria:

- Black

- Logos are only acceptable if they are completely black.
 - There should be no additional colour in any form e.g. white stripes or soles.
- *For any child who is unable to tie laces, strongly consider Velcro for safety.



Smart school shoes are still welcome and perfectly acceptable; however, your child may wish to ensure they have something more appropriate in their bag for active parts of their day although this would mean your child would need two pairs of shoes for school as opposed to one.

Thank you for your support in helping to support our children belong to, and feel proud of, our Parkwood community.

Mr Moir