



FOUNTAINS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Uniform Policy

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Context

Following guidelines from the Department for Education (November 2021), we are updating and simplifying our uniform policy for our parents and carers.

We believe that a uniform provides a sense of belonging for our children and that it helps foster a good learning environment and ethos for everyone in school. We do, therefore encourage our parents and carers to follow the uniform policy, however, it should not prevent a child from attending school.

We acknowledge that uniforms are often expensive and, with that in mind, are trying to set out new guidance for all.

Fountains accept that;

- Branded items are often more expensive and that supermarket own-labels and high-street items are often cheaper and therefore acceptable
- If parents would like to continue to purchase branded items from uniform suppliers, then they are free to do so. Our Fountains logo has been revamped for 2024 and uniform purchased from this term will feature the new design. (Please check on our website for our current school uniform providers)
- Parents and carers should not have to think about the cost of a uniform when choosing a school
- It will consider the total cost of the uniform or any other clothing that needs to be provided. For example, P.E., swimming and Forest School
- If the uniform is to change, Fountains will engage with parents/carers and the children in a timely manner.
- Where possible, Fountains will attempt to ensure that that any 'pre-loved' uniform is available to parents and carers. Information on the availability of any uniform will be made clear for both current and prospective parents. This uniform will be made available during all whole school events that parents are invited to. Please contact the school office if you are interested in pre loved uniform.
- The uniform will be inclusive of all faiths and will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions. It will also act reasonably in accommodating these needs without compromising school safety and discipline
- That some of our children have specific sensory and physical needs and as such will be accommodated
- The school governors and the Headteacher will be willing to consider any reasonable requests for flexibility for an individual to accommodate their religion, belief, gender or race
- Not all items are required; some are optional.

Fountains will ensure that, where possible;

- Parents will not have to purchase items that are branded, including those for P.E., Swimming and Forest School

- Parents will not have to provide specific items for non-school days such as coats bags and shoes
- There will be no specific clothing requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Avoid having different uniform requirements for different departments/classes

Parents and Carers will, where possible;

- Ensure that children wear our uniform at all times, including on the school premises and trips into the community, unless advised otherwise
- Ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the name of the child
- Inform the school if a child needs to borrow any of clothing listed below

Our Fountains School Uniform

Main uniform required;

- White polo shirt, blouse or shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan
- Dark grey trousers/shorts
- Dark grey skirt or pinafore
- A royal blue and white checked school dress/school playsuit
- White, grey, dark blue or black socks or tights
- Wellies for Forest School
- If your child wears a Salwar Kameez, hijab, turban please ensure that this is in school colours

PE & Sport;

- Plain t-shirt
- Black shorts or dark coloured tracksuit
- Trainers

Swimming;

- Swimming trunks/shorts or costume
- Swim nappies if needed, where possible
- Hats for all pupils with longer hair
- Large towel
- Goggles (optional) - for those children whose parents have given permission to wear them.
- Ear plugs (optional) - for those children whose parents have given permission to wear them.

Any requests to discuss adaptations, or complaints regarding our policy should be directed to the school office in the first instance.