



Yarrells School & Nursery

UNIFORM POLICY

Policy Lead (Position (and Initials)): **Head (SW)**

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Now that there is a full return to school after Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted, it is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school events outside normal school hours. We expect children to wear the uniform correctly, to present themselves smartly at all times and to represent the school with pride when wearing our uniform.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on the school website and in welcome packs for new parents. Subject to availability, good quality second-hand uniform can be obtained through our PTA organisation, FOYs or there is a Facebook Second Hand Uniform group to purchase second hand uniform. Our uniform supplier, is Bartletts (52 King Street, Wimborne, BH21 1EB). Tel: 01202 856205 and they have a full list of requirements.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- ✓ promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- ✓ engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- ✓ is practical and smart;
- ✓ identifies the children with the school;
- ✓ is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- ✓ puts children in a 'working' mind set;
- ✓ makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- ✓ is regarded as suitable by most parents;
- ✓ has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Every pupil should arrive at school clean and smart with hair combed and shoes clean. Shirts must be tucked in at all times and must be buttoned at the neck and sleeves. Ties must be worn correctly.

Blazers must be worn to and from school each day, and badges of office must be worn on blazer lapels. Every time children are in school uniform in public, they should be seen wearing their blazer over either the winter or summer uniform as appropriate.

On occasions when they are asked to wear PE uniform to school or offsite, children should wear their tracksuits over the sports kit when arriving and leaving. If children become hot, tracksuits may be removed during school, but we insist on children looking smart in the public eye. In certain circumstances children may not be required to wear uniform where it is not practical, such as school trips that involve activities that could damage the uniform.

All uniform must be clearly labelled and should be kept in good order.

Jewellery

Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery except for watches and school badges. Pupils may have ears pierced but they may have only up to one piercing per ear. Earrings must be small, plain studs that should be taped over or removed for PE.

Hair

Children may not have dyed or tinted hair or any style that would be seen to be extreme or ornate. Children should not come to school with extremely short shaven cuts. Children are not permitted beaded braids in the hair. Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back neatly; with hair bands, ribbons or scrunchies in *school colours: black, green or burgundy*.

Footwear

Children are expected to wear black, conservatively styled, plain school shoes. They should be polished regularly and look smart. The shoes should not be 'trainers' or decorated, 'party style' shoes. The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults and we believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or smooth soles/slip-ons in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school, except for times when these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, as they are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. School PE trainers should be as plain as possible, mostly white for girls, or mostly black for boys and without any flashing lights or similar features.

The role of parents

We expect all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that the items of uniform are labelled, and that the uniform is clean and in good repair.

Notes for parents on labelling uniform

Name-tags should be sewn onto all items of clothing (ideally stitched along all 4 sides, not just the ends). For all PE kit, these should be clearly visible on the outside and at the front. Iron-on labels and biro are not permitted as the name can rub off easily and does not usually last. Using 'Tippex' or indelible ink is often a good way to label footwear. Please remember to label all bags clearly on the outside too. We require specified items to be labelled on the outside, so they can be identified quickly and easily amongst identical kit.

Where to label sports kit

Please sew the label in the following places:

- ✓ shirts and other tops left chest
- ✓ shorts front left at bottom
- ✓ tracksuit bottoms front left upper thigh
- ✓ socks top or near top
- ✓ thermals inside collar
- ✓ swimming trunks/costumes left front
- ✓ goggles sew ends of label together around strap
- ✓ gloves outside front wrist
- ✓ shin pads outside of strap (or use indelible pen)

Cold weather items

As it is sometimes very cold, all children must have a thermal top and gloves, and preferably a warm hat, to help them avoid getting cold during break times and games lessons. *Woollen scarves, hats and gloves must be in school colours*. On exceptionally cold days, thin fleeces and black thermal leggings may also be worn underneath tracksuits. For rugby they should be worn underneath rugby shirts and shorts, as school tracksuits are not suitable for the wear and tear of contact rugby. At least one pair of gloves is required for games lessons. Ideally children should have a pair of fingerless sports gloves for optimum performance *and* a pair of thin gloves with good grip to wear on top or instead of, in particularly cold weather.

Mouth guards

The PE Department has requested that boys in Years 4-8 have *two* mouth guards for the *autumn and spring terms only*. This is so there is a spare mouth-guard if their main mouth guard is taken home or misplaced and not found straight away.