

St. Andrew's Junior School Hatfield Peverel



“Enjoy, respect, achieve”

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General Appearance

We expect our children to come appropriately dressed and well-presented for school. School uniform and dress codes play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting the appropriate tone. A common approach for all in uniform and appearance instils pride; supports positive behaviour and discipline; encourages identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils. The Government Department for Education "*strongly encourages schools to have a uniform*" and for "*schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.*"(DfE 2010). We hope that parents will join governors and staff in up-holding the high standards we expect of our children in this regard.

Uniform

EVERYTHING MUST BE MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME

Boys

Charcoal or grey trousers (shorts may be worn in summer)
White or grey shirt
Scarlet T. Shirt* or Polo shirt*
Scarlet Sweatshirt *
Scarlet pullover
Plain dark socks
Black sensible shoes

Girls

Plain grey or charcoal pinafore dress or skirt (knee length) or grey or charcoal long trousers
Trousers must be tailored trousers. These can be purchased at schoolwear departments in most major department stores such as Marks and Spencer and BHS - leggings, hipsters, bootleg or other fashion trousers cannot be worn. Beware of some high street fashion stores producing inappropriate fashion styles under the title of schoolwear.
White blouse or scarlet T. Shirt* or Polo Shirt*
Scarlet Sweatshirt* or cardigan
Plain white socks
Plain black or grey tights for colder weather
Black **low-heeled shoes** (no fashion boots, no open sided or sling back or low fronted shoes please, as these are unsuitable when children are running around at playtime).
Red checked dress (Summer)
Plain Alice bands, clips or scrunchies in school colours to tie back hair (no flowers, feathers, bows, etc.)

P.E. REQUIREMENTS

Boys

Plimsolls or trainer shoes and football boots
Navy blue or black shorts
Scarlet T. Shirt *
Tracksuit or other appropriate sports clothing to keep warm in the winter months

Girls

Plimsolls or trainer shoes and football boots
Navy blue or black shorts or P.E. Skirt with navy blue or black knickers
Royal blue or scarlet leotards (for indoor P.E. only)
Scarlet T. Shirt*
Tracksuit or other appropriate sports clothing to keep warm in the winter months

Hats

Hats may be worn in the winter when the weather is very cold. Children may wear school caps in the summer months if they wish. These can be purchased from the school office. Alternatively they may wear plain red caps with no logos.

Items marked with * are available from school

Jewellery

Jewellery **should not** be worn to school. The exceptions are a watch, which may be worn at the child's own risk, and studs for those children who normally wear earrings. The official instructions from the County Council Safety Officer are that watches and earrings must be removed for games, P.E., and swimming. Children who cannot remove their earrings cannot do P.E. and as taking part in P.E. is a legal requirement parents must ensure that earrings can be removed or they should not be worn on P.E. days. Teachers cannot be held responsible for the safety of these items.

Hair and Make-up

The school actively discourages hairstyles and other adornments which are clear fashion statements; for example, patterns shaved into hair, braids, extensions, hair raised with cosmetic products, coloured/streaked hair. Long hair (girls and boys) should be tied back at all times to enable pupils to have clear vision as they work in class and in P.E. Make-up should not be worn, including nail varnish and tattoos/transfers.

Mobile Phones

We do not allow children to bring mobile phones to school. Any messages that need to be conveyed between parents/carers and children should be passed on through our staff in the school office.

Monitoring and Review

All staff seek to monitor and uphold this policy with the children in their classes. The examples given are not intended to be exhaustive and there may be other aspects of appearance that staff will address within the spirit of this policy. Children may be reminded about appearance and uniform in their classes, in assembly and individually, as appropriate. Where necessary the class teacher and/or headteacher may talk to parents about issues relating to appearance and uniform. This policy is reviewed annually by staff and governors.