

Hillside Primary School



School Dress Policy

Next review date: Autumn Term 2025

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY - Pupils

The wearing of a school uniform also provides children with a sense of pride and belonging to a community. The community of Hillside Primary School is one in which each individual is proud to belong; a community where all individuals are encouraged to aim high. Pupils are expected to wear uniform for the following beneficial reasons:-

1. To promote a sense of identity.
2. Smart appearance.
3. To remove competition regarding fashion trends.
4. Economy.

We have very high expectations for presentation including clothes, shoes and hair and immediately address issues which fall short of these expectations. Our expectations for summer and winter dress are:

Winter Uniform – Autumn and Spring Terms
Maroon pullover, cardigan or sweatshirt (preferably with school logo) White shirt or polo shirt (preferably with school logo) Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore Sensible black shoes (not training shoes or boots) White or grey socks / Black or grey tights

Optional Summer Uniform – Summer Term
Maroon pullover, cardigan or sweatshirt (preferably with school logo) White shirt or polo shirt (preferably with school logo) Grey trousers or skirt or tailored shorts Maroon/Red and white check or striped dress Sensible black shoes (not training shoes, sandals or boots) White or grey socks

- For health and safety reasons sandals are not suitable as school wear.
- During wet or snowy weather wellies or boots can be worn to get to and from school but school shoes must be brought to change into once in school.
- School uniform embroidered with the Hillside logo is available to purchase from Motif Marketing in Milton.
- **All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly marked with the child's name.**

Hair:

Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back. Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours. Hair should be kept out of children's eyes using headbands, clips and slides; again plain using school colours. During term-time pupils are asked not to have fashion hairstyles which include: shaved, dyed or streaked hair, patterns, mohawks, lines and tramlines. Hair braids, tinsels and feathers should not be worn.

Physical Education

Maroon t-shirt with Hillside lettering, plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts (no stripes or logos), maroon hoody with Hillside lettering and trainers. All items to be labelled with child's name and in a drawstring bag.

Forest Schooling - Foundation Stage

As part of the children's 'The Whole Child Matters' fulfilling curriculum the Nursery and Reception children take part in 'Forest School'. This is a lesson which will take place in the wooded area in the school grounds. The children will cover many areas of the curriculum during the sessions as well as encouraging them to become independent learners.

It is very important that every child has a pair of Wellington boots, old clothes and a waterproof jacket (ideally the children need waterproof trousers too). These items of clothing need to be kept in school at all times and very importantly all items need to be named (including a named bag). The class teacher will send home the clothes every half term to be cleaned and returned. (Please do not come into school and take the clothes prior to this as the children become upset if their kits are not there - thank you).

It is a very exciting area of learning for all the children and if they are all adequately dressed they will be warm, happy and enthusiastic to learn in the 'great outdoors'.

Swimming Lessons

Please note that **all pupils, boys and girls, must wear a swimming cap**. Girls must wear a full costume (no bikinis) and boys must wear trunks (not shorts).

Pupils will not be allowed into the swimming pool if they are wearing any jewellery - all items must be removed before leaving school.

If your child wishes to wear swimming goggles during the lesson, a parent or guardian must send a Letter into school, stating your child's name and class, giving permission for this. This must be given to the class teacher prior to the commencement of the swimming lessons. Without this your child will not be allowed to wear goggles.

Please ensure that all swimming kit, including bags, are clearly marked with your child's name as it is extremely difficult to trace lost items if they are not labelled correctly.

Jewellery, Make-up and Nails

Jewellery- Watches and plain stud earrings can be worn. Plain stud earrings are defined as silver or gold, spherical shaped and small.

Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up or false nails to school. Pupils are often required to engage in practical activities and thus the length of finger nails should reflect this. False nails are not suitable and nail paint should only be clear- if required.

Religious symbols: Children are permitted to wear items which are classed as religious symbols, after discussion with the Headteacher.

Body Piercing

Any form of body piercing (studs, rings, pins, etc.) presents health and safety problems. The school policy is to follow the guidance set out in the B.A.A.L.P.E. Document (The British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education). **All** forms of body piercing **MUST** be removed before children take part in physical education or undertake any physical activities. If the body piercing is not removed the child will **NOT** be allowed to take part in any physical education lesson or activity.

*Retainers can be worn, if required, but these must be the flexible, soft plastic type.

If you need any clarification on any of the above please see Mrs Schonau.

This policy will be reviewed at least every 3 years.