



Christleton Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Many thanks for your continued support for our school and its policies.

As well as enjoying a break with your children, parents will no doubt be looking forward to the annual trip to the shops to source uniform and school shoes prior to September. Before any of you embark on this, please could we take this opportunity to remind you of some key parts of our uniform policy so we have a shared understanding. The intention of this is to avoid unnecessary conversations at the start of term with children returning to school in September who are not dressed in accordance with school uniform policy. It will hopefully also enable all parents to make informed choices prior to making any purchases.

We feel consistency is a critical thing to try and achieve for all of our children. We are very proud of our school and community and believe that high standards in uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly, gives each and every one of our children the very best chance of learning well and being the best that they can be.

Our school uniform policy aims to provide a way for children to show that they are proud to belong to our school community. We believe that our uniform provides a sense of belonging whilst ensuring equality for all. A smart appearance contributes positively to the children's attitude to work and learning; as well as influencing how the school is portrayed to the general public and visitors to the school. It also ensures that the children are not put under pressure due to the type of clothing their wear.

Following parental feedback, we have revisited our uniform policy and considered footwear in particular. In light of these conversations, we would like to inform you of a change to our policy. From September **we have included plain black trainers** within our uniform policy. **For clarity children should wear black shoes. These black shoes should have flat soles BUT they can be leather 'school type' shoes OR plain black trainers.** We have included some examples in the grid at the end of this letter to highlight which type of trainers we would feel are appropriate and those we feel may not be. In making this decision, we have considered parental feedback, cost and practicality as well as ensuring that high standards of appearance continue. In changing the policy, we wish to reiterate that parents should not feel under pressure to buy expensive designer brands of clothing because someone else is wearing them or shops are advertising it as school clothing.



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Boys' uniforms	Girls' uniforms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal blue crewneck sweatshirt bearing the school emblem. Sky blue polo shirt preferably with the school emblem. Navy / grey trousers / short trousers. Plain white, grey, black or navy socks. Black / Dark shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal blue crewneck sweatshirt or cardigan with school emblem. Sky blue polo shirt preferably with the school emblem. Navy skirt, trousers or pinafore. Black / Dark shoes
Summer uniform	Summer uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short trousers can be worn instead of trousers. Polo shirts can be worn without sweatshirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue and white Gingham checked/ striped dress. Polo shirts can be worn without sweatshirts
Optional	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional royal blue fleece or reversible fleece with school emblem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional royal blue fleece or reversible fleece with school emblem.
Footwear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensible black or dark brown shoes or plain black trainers. These should have flat soles and should ideally be of a waterproof material. No ballet pump type shoes or plimsolls. No sandals, flip flops or open toed shoes. 	

All pupils are expected to participate in physical education lessons. However, in exceptional circumstances pupils may be excused from a physical education lesson for a medical reason – provided a letter from home to this effect had been given to the class teacher. In this event, pupils are still required to bring their PE kit in order to participate in lessons to the extent possible, for example acting as an umpire.

Physical Education (PE)	
Summer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal blue t-shirt preferably with the school emblem Dark black or navy PE shorts Change of socks Pumps and trainers for outdoor sports 	
Winter	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the winter months (October half-term to the end of the spring term) a track suit may be worn PE Hoodie No colourful leggings 	
Swimming	
Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shorts or trunks A towel and bag to keep wet kit separate from dry. A pair of goggles (optional) would also be very useful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-piece swimming costume A towel and bag to keep wet kit separate from dry. A pair of goggles (optional) would also be very useful

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child brings their PE kit to school when needed.



Our uniform policy also covers aspects such as jewellery, make-up and hair. The table below provides an overview of these areas.

Jewellery
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jewellery should not be worn other than watches and plain stud earrings (silver or gold colour). It may be requested that a watch is not worn if it proves to be a distraction to the child within lesson time.• Watches with games or cameras are not permitted.• The jewellery is the responsibility of the child to look after and should be removed during physical education lessons or covered with a plaster.• Pupils are not permitted to wear any other jewellery in the school grounds due to health and safety risks.
Make-up
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christleton Primary School does not consider make-up appropriate and pupils are not permitted to wear any such products. However, there may be exceptions in extreme circumstances, at the headteacher's discretion (i.e. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage.• No nail varnish should be worn by children in school.
Hair
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christleton Primary School reserves the right to make a judgement on the suitability or unsuitability of pupils' hair and appearance.• Extreme hairstyles, such as Mohawks and patterned or brightly coloured hair are unacceptable.• Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk i.e. it should be tied back during physical education lessons.• Bandana style headbands and flowers/bows or excessive hair accessories are not to be worn. However, plain hair clips or bands are acceptable• Protective hairstyles, such as cornrows, are permitted for those with afro-textured hair. Other hairstyles may be exempt from the rule above on religious grounds, taking into account each individual person's scenario.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in adhering to our policy. We are proud of our school community and believe that high standards demonstrated through the correct uniform forms a significant aspect of belonging to this community. This consistency and equality is a critical thing to try and achieve for all of our children.

Regards,

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Examples of plain black trainers which would be suitable for school



Examples of trainers with logos, colours, different coloured soles, which would not be suitable

