

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

At our school there is an expectation that children will wear the appropriate school uniform so that they come to school well presented and ready to learn. We do not stipulate where uniform needs to be purchased from in order to ensure it is accessible and affordable to all our families.

UNIFORM

Our **Hevingham** children wear white or pale blue shirts or polo shirts (with no logos); grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores and a navy sweatshirt/cardigan (preferably with the school logo); coats are worn in winter months and children are not allowed to wear 'hoodies' instead.

children can opt to wear pale blue checked dresses in the summer months. Order forms for Hevingham uniform are available via the Friends of Hevingham Primary.

PE KIT

The children should have a PE kit which remains in school for the whole week. Children should wear: plain white t shirts (strictly no football/club shirts); black or navy shorts and white socks. Children should have a pair of non-marking trainers or plimsolls. A sweat shirt and tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold winter months.

We do understand that there are occasions when an item of clothing has been lost or there is a particular reason why a child may not meet the uniform expectations for instance not be wearing the school jumper. Please send a note explaining the reason to the class teacher. Children are not permitted to wear 'hoodies' or sweatshirts with brand logos and will be loaned a school sweatshirt which will be washed by their families and returned to school.

For swimming, your child will need their swimming costume or shorts, towel, swimming hat and goggles.

SHOES

Children should wear black school shoes with their toes covered. Black leather trainers shoes without any branding are permitted. Shoes with heels and boots are not permitted. There may be certain circumstances where alternative foot wear may be allowed, such as medical conditions etc. Please speak to office staff.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF KIT AND CLOTHING. We do keep lost property until the end of each half term; if it remains unclaimed, it is recycled or used as spares in school.

APPEARANCE

We encourage children to take pride in their appearance at school as this is a lifelong skill and helps individuals to develop self respect. We expect the children in our school to **look** like children and not 'mini adults' (there is plenty of time for that in later years). You can also expect to see adults that work in school appropriately and professionally dressed, to set a good example to your children. We recognise potential needs for adaptations to our policy to suit different cultural & religious reasons.

HAIR

We expect children to come to school with clean hair. If hair is longer than shoulder length it should be tied up and/or clipped back enabling children to work efficiently and safely throughout the school day. We do not allow 'tram lines' or 'carved' hairstyles, hair products and unnatural hair colours as we have found this to be very distracting. We do however often have non-uniform days linked with themes or to fundraising events and on these days it is fine to dress hair in different ways (only if desired – as long as changes are reversible for the next day!).

CLEANLINESS

We encourage children to look after their personal hygiene. Please ensure your child comes to school clean with school uniform that is fresh and presentable. This helps children feel confident about themselves. We do know that children might look a bit different at the end of a busy and active day!

JEWELLERY

Jewellery can be a risk to children and others in an active and busy school day, not just during PE (Design technology, drama, dance, playtimes etc). We strongly urge parents/carers of children wishing to have their child's ears pierced, that this should be done at the very beginning of the summer holidays. One set of small stud earrings will be permitted. Children will be allowed to "tape" earrings over whilst they heal for 6-8 weeks, after that they **must** be removed by the child if able or by parents before school for P.E lessons and swimming; adults in school cannot support with removal or taping. Children may wear a watch to school (but not in PE), though any breakages or losses will not be paid for by the school. Wristbands/necklaces, rings and bracelets are not permitted. If any of the information about the wearing of jewellery presents a problem, please come in and discuss your concerns with a member of staff.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Friends of Hevingham Primary have regular sales of second-hand uniform. These events are publicised; however, you can contact them directly if you need something specific in between events.