

Parson Street Primary School

Clothing & Uniform Policy

2023-2024

ETHOS STATEMENT

It is the aim of the Governing Body of Parson Street Primary School to support the implementation of policies and procedures which develop the skills our children need to achieve our vision of:

Empowering all to create opportunities for life-long learners in our communities.

Policy Statement:

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school in identifying individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in this policy and on our website.

Aims:

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);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our uniform:

Our school uniform is compulsory for all pupils attending Parson Street Primary School. Parents can purchase uniform (with logo) from our local suppliers:

JPS – www.jpssports.co.uk or by calling 0117 9390370

Famous School Branches (Bedminster Store) – 0117 9661432

If parents/carers wish to buy plain sweatshirts from other (available from most high street retailers/supermarkets), we will have a supply of sew-on logos available in the office for sale at a cost of 60p or 2 for £1 if you would like to purchase these. These sweatshirts must be totally plain and match the colour of the school sweatshirt.

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	ITEM OF UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
STANDARD UNIFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain, grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore Plain, grey or black trouser shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trousers and shorts must be a tailored fit, e.g. <u>no jogging bottoms, leggings or sports shorts</u> Skirts should be no higher than 2" above the knee Skirts must be no longer than ankle length
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red polo shirt (with or without logo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items specified must have a collar, e.g. NO T-SHIRTS!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red cardigan or jumper (with or without logo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoodies are NOT permitted
OPTIONAL ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red and white checked summer dresses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress length should be no higher than 2" above the knee and no longer than ankle length
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain red, grey, black or white socks/tights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any socks/tights <u>on show</u> must be colours opposite. Socks/tights MUST be worn at school
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain red fleece/jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outdoor wear only
FOOTWEAR		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black shoes/trainers/boots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes/trainers MUST be black, e.g. no visible patterns/logos etc Shoes/Trainers must be flat, e.g. NO HEELS Shoes/Trainers must have backs on them and be closed.

Parents are asked to label items of uniform clearly.

If items are clearly named then this will help us return missing items to their owner.

Children are encouraged to bring a smart, book bag for carrying their reading books, pencils and belongings. Excessively large bags should not be brought into school.

Physical Education (PE) Kit:

PE clothing or 'kit' must be worn during every PE lesson for reasons of personal hygiene. The kit, which must be available in school every day, includes:

ITEM OF UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black shorts or jogging bottoms (for winter outdoor PE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items should be plain in colour and contain no logos
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain, house colour t-shirt or polo shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T-shirts must be plain in colour, e.g. no logos, football shirts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainers (for outdoor PE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will complete indoor PE in bare feet

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draw string kit bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should contain the PE kit and remain on the child's peg. It should be taken home to be washed every week.
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All jewellery must be removed wherever possible during PE lessons. When this is not possible (e.g. new piercings) it must be made 'safe' by being covered with plasters. Long hair must also be tied up during PE lessons.

As part of the National Curriculum, children in all year groups participate in swimming lessons. These lessons are compulsory for all and the children therefore need additional PE kit to participate:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming costume/trunks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming costumes should not be 'loose' fitting and should be a 'one piece' costume, e.g. no bikinis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towel 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterproof bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should be sent in with the child's swimming kit weekly

We shall inform you of your child's swimming day.

Jewellery:

We discourage children to wear jewellery to school but we do permit the following:

- Pierced ears – one small stud in each ear lobe ONLY! (Children must remove these in swimming lessons).
- Watches should be of a suitable size and alarms deactivated when in school.
- Hair accessories should be kept minimal and tied back during PE.

Items worn for strictly religious reasons are acceptable. Parson Street Primary School cannot accept responsibility for any items, such as watches or jewellery, brought into school.

Unsuitable:

We do not consider the following to be suitable for school:

- Nail varnish/nail decorations
- Make-up/tattoos
- Extreme hairstyles, e.g. lines/patterns shaved into hair. Hair should also be of natural colour
- Football shirts, including those worn underneath school uniform
- Heeled shoes and heeled sandals

NB: Outdoor clothing, e.g. jackets, wellies, hats etc should not be worn inside the building!

The role of parents:

Parents are expected to fully support the contents of this policy when accepting a place for their child at Parson Street Primary School by providing the full and appropriate uniform for their child.

We request that parents inform the school if their child is unable to wear any item of uniform for any reason at any time.

Parents may be contacted if a child is regularly out of uniform and children may be asked to change immediately.

If children come in to school in inappropriate clothing (including non-uniform or variations of the uniform) they will be spoken to by staff and will be provided with a spare uniform. Parents will be involved at the earliest opportunity and sanctions may be applied in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Monitoring:

If children are found to be wearing clothing other than uniform standard, staff will speak to the child to ascertain the reason.

Children who persistently do not support this policy will be referred to the Head Teacher and/or Deputy Head Teacher.

Review:

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all pupils, parents, staff and governors. The content of the policy shall be reviewed every three years, or sooner if circumstances demand.