

School Clothing & Appearance Policy
(To be read in conjunction with the Uniform List)

A high standard of dress and personal appearance is expected at all times. Pupils must be correctly dressed, in accordance with the Orchard School clothing regulations, which includes footwear, at all times, including travelling to and from school.

It is our school policy that all children wear the school uniform or other agreed appropriate clothes when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. The school uniform is designed to be easy to wear and to suit the needs of the majority of pupils. It is reviewed regularly and the views of pupils, staff and parents are taken into account if changes are being considered.

In wearing the uniform pupils should look smart and be aware that they represent their school. Orchard School requires pupils to wear school uniform in accordance with the uniform list, which is issued to parents when their child joins.

We always have a sensitive approach where the issue of regulations regarding uniform conflict with any child's religious or cultural beliefs. We have drawn up the regulations regarding school uniform with due regard to issues of equal opportunity and sex discrimination.

We ask parents to equip their children with the necessary uniform and school equipment, so that they are able to participate fully in all school activities. If a child repeatedly attends school without the correct uniform, we will inform parents and request that they make sure their child leaves home with the proper uniform. Uniform checks will be undertaken, and slips sent home to share with parent's, items or matters in need of their attention

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. This includes all earrings. We therefore ask that if ears are to be pierced, this should be carried out at the beginning of the Summer Holidays and earrings can be removed before the children come back into School in September. Children will not be allowed to undertake PE / Games or go out to play if the wearing of earrings continues.

We ask parents not to send their child to school with 'extreme' hairstyles or the sort of appearance that is likely to cause them to draw attention to themselves. We ask parents to discuss any issues relating to their child's appearance if this is influenced by religious belief.

It is the responsibility of the Headmistress to ensure that the school uniform policy is enforced.