

School Uniform

Introduction

School uniforms play a key role in promoting the ethos of a school, providing a sense of belonging and identity, and setting an appropriate tone for education. It can act as a social leveller by creating a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background. In some schools, it can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes.

At Frank Wise School our priority is that all our pupils feel safe, happy, comfortable, and able to learn skills for independence. We believe that our pupils and their families are best qualified to decide whether the school uniform supports that priority. We do not want our school uniform to ever be a barrier to a child's access to learning, or to a parent choosing to send their child to the school. Instead, we maintain an expectation that all our pupils to wear clean, presentable and appropriate clothing and footwear, whether they choose to wear a school uniform or not.

Clothing

Class teachers monitor dress standards and the Joint-Headteachers have the final decision in taking appropriate action with children who have clothing or hairstyles which are inappropriate, offensive, dangerous or causing any other issue at school. Please do not allow your children to come to school with:

- any clothes with inappropriate or offensive logos
- dangling earrings, bracelets, bangles or necklaces, which can be dangerous in PE or during playtime

We encourage our pupils to develop the skills to identify and wear appropriate clothes for the weather and tasks they are engaging in at school that day. We also encourage them to develop the skills to decide upon appropriate clothing that will be respectful and comfortable to learn in.

Our pupils will participate in a range of activities during the school day, some of which could include getting messy. Whilst steps are taken to protect the clothes that they are wearing, we advise parents against sending their child into school wearing clothes that are expensive or have sentimental value. Pupils will also need appropriate sports clothing according to the activities they are accessing in school, such as swimming items or PE wear.

Please label all items of clothing with your child/young person's name to avoid confusion, especially coats and shoes. This will ensure that items are easily found and returned to you if there are any mix-ups. Not all children and young people will recognise their own belongings, so please help us to manage this.

Uniform

Frank Wise School offers a school uniform, but it is not compulsory. Items are available for families that prefer their child to attend school in uniform, but generic or non-logo items are also accepted. We believe that uniforms should not place an unnecessary burden on families, financial or otherwise, and we regularly review the affordability of our logo-supplier to ensure it is reasonable, good quality, durable and secures the best value for money. Frank Wise School-logo items are available from [SchoolTrends](#):

- White polo shirt
- Green jumper or sweatshirt
- Fleece jacket
- Waterproof jacket, Storm jacket or Parker (weather dependent)

- Green cap or warm hat (weather dependent)

These can be worn with grey or black tracksuit bottoms, trousers or skirt black, and grey trainers or shoes.

PE kit

Pupils should always have in school the correct kit for PE lessons. In the interests of personal hygiene pupils should not wear any of the same clothes for PE that they have worn for the rest of the day (where possible). There is no formal PE uniform, but clothing should be appropriate for the activities that the class is doing, for example:

- t-shirt
- shorts
- plimsoles, pumps or trainers
- tracksuits and/ or sweatshirts may also be needed for outside lessons

These items should preferably be kept in a drawstring bag, or smaller shoulder bag that does not take up too much cloakroom space and should be in school all week.

Swimming kit

Swimming kits should come into school and return home on the same day as the class or individual swim. We recommend:

- a one-piece swimming costume for girls
- swimming trunks or shorts for boys (long shorts are not suitable as these make it more difficult for children learning to swim)
- A towel
- A disposable swim nappy/pad must be provided for those children that are not toilet trained or have continence issues. We recommend that an additional reusable swim nappy/swim pant is used over this for extra protection against leaks.

Second hand

The Friends of Frank Wise School occasionally hold a sale of second-hand school uniform items. Families should contact the school office for details of availability (office@frankwise.oxon.sch.uk).

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