

The Froebelian School Uniform Policy

Introduction

We are very proud of our distinctive uniform at The Froebelian School and our reputation as an excellent school is enhanced when our pupils are seen in public looking smartly dressed. It is our school policy that all children 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 on our website. The uniform list is also found in Appendix 1 of this policy. Our uniform supplier is Whittaker's and their website can be found here: Whittakers Schoolwear.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Arriving at/leaving school

We expect children to arrive at and leave school smartly dressed. This means that coats/blazers are properly fastened and hats are worn. This applies at any point of the day, including arrival at Breakfast Club and departure from HAC. We are grateful for parental support in setting high standards in this regard.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- simple watches (no smart watches or FitBits)
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara
- medical identification bracelets which may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. diabetes or epilepsy.

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school's summer holidays. These must then be removed when returning to school. *Children will not be permitted to cover ear-rings with plasters when participating in sport.*

Hair

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (no shorter than a number 2 is permitted), extreme patterns, 'V' styles, Mohican cuts are not permitted.

Hair braids or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also not allowed. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back <u>fully</u> for safety reasons. Head bands, hair clips, scrunchies etc. must be red, black or grey and <u>discreet in style</u>. Hair extensions may be permitted but only at the discretion of the Head where there are specific grounds for this.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our

school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that whilst this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, it is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

We require all children to wear plain black shoes with conventional heel, sole and fastener (n.b. not slip on shoes) as stated in the uniform list. Plain red shoes may be worn as part of the summer uniform.

In winter time, children coming to school who wear boots (wellingtons) should bring with them black school shoes to change into.

On a non-uniform day, we would still urge children to wear sensible footwear as they will continue to play outside and move around school as normal.

Nails

Nails should be kept short and well-trimmed. Nail checks take place before PE/Games lessons and fixtures and children may be prevented from participating if supervising staff (or an external match official) feel nail length poses a health and safety hazard to the child or other children.

If children have applied nail polish over the weekend or during the holidays, this should be removed before coming back to school.

Temporary Tattoos

If children have applied temporary tattoos at an event, over the weekend or during the holidays, these should be removed before coming back to school.

Lost Property

The school tries to minimise the amount of lost property by encouraging the children to take responsibility for their belongings. We strongly urge all parents to name each item of uniform and PE/Games kit which enables us to return it swiftly and reduces additional costs for parents having to buy replacement items. At the end of each term, the lost property is sorted; named items are returned and uniform is displayed for children/parents to reclaim. After that, any remaining items are donated to the FPTA for the used uniform sale or sent to charity shops.

Sanctions

When standards of uniform or appearance fall below expectations, staff will support or challenge pupils in an age-appropriate manner. Examples include shirts not being tucked in, top buttons undone, jumpers/cardigans tied around the waist, not arriving/leaving school properly dressed, not wearing school shoes, inappropriate accessories etc.

Where children persistently have to be reminded of the expectations for uniform, sanctions may be applied depending on the age of the child. These may include negative dojo points, missing a part of break time, a note home to parents, helping to tidy lost property etc.

Parental support of the school's approach to managing and maintaining high standards of uniform is appreciated.

Used Uniform Sale (FPTA)

Our active FPTA holds used uniform sales during the year where parents can buy pre-loved items of uniform. The used uniform sales are particularly useful for buying extra uniform items, especially items of PE/Games kit which can get dirty quickly. If you wish to donate items, please take these to the school office.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily

schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that all items are clearly named, that it is clean and in good repair.

As children progress through the school, we advise that parents teach their child how to fold their clothes and encourage them to pack their bags themselves as this will be beneficial in PE/games lessons and when preparing for residential trips.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of staff

The staff will support the children in managing their belongings and uniform in school. As pupils progress through the school, we expect them to become more independent and to take personal responsibility for making sure they look after their things. When items are lost, staff are not responsible for finding them but will support children in finding them for a reasonable amount of time.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

With the Headteacher, governors will consider representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and will liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

This policy is reviewed regularly by the Headteacher, in consultation with the governing body, in the light of experience, research and good practice.

Policy Date: December 2018

Policy Review Date: December 2021

Signed (Headteacher):

Coodds R. James Signed (Chair of Governors):

Appendix 1

The School Uniform is as follows:

Form III & Form IV

	GIRLS
Winter:	Summer:
Pleated Skirt	Pleated Skirt
White Blouse (long sleeved)	White Blouse (short sleeved)
Red Tie	Red Tie
Regulation Red Cardigan or Pullover with School Crest	Regulation Red Cardigan or Pullover with School Crest
Plain black tights	Plain White ankle or knee socks
Regulation Winter Coat	School Blazer
School Hat with Crest	Summer Hat with Crest
Black Fleece Hat with Crest (optional Nov - Feb)	Regulation red cagoule
School Scarf (optional, but no other scarf permitted)	Sun Hat (optional when advised)
Plain Black Shoes with conventional heel, sole & fastener (n.b. not slip on shoes)	Plain Red or Black Shoes with conventional heel, sole & fastener (n.b. not slip on shoes)
Plain Red, Grey or Black gloves	Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers
Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers	
Regulation Red Shoe Bag	
Regulation Black School Satchel with Crest	

P.E. Clothing:

Trainers
Plain White sports socks
Red pleated gym skirt with School Crest
Regulation White Polo top with School Crest
Regulation waterproof training jacket (initials optional)
Plain black leotard
Plain black footless tights (optional)
Regulation black and red Swimming Costume
Red Swimming Cap with School Crest
Regulation Red Sports Bag
Baselayer Top (Optional)
Baselayer Bottoms (Optional)
Baselayer Shorts (Optional)

Form III & Form IV

В	OYS
Winter:	Summer:
Grey long trousers	Grey long trousers
Red Tie	Red Tie
Grey Shirt	Formal white short-sleeved shirt
Regulation Red Pullover with School Crest	Regulation Red Pullover with School Crest
School Cap with Crest	School Cap with Crest
Plain grey socks	Plain grey socks
Plain Black Shoes with conventional heel & sole (n.b. not slip on shoes)	Plain Black Shoes with conventional heel & sole or plain black/brown sandals (n.b. not slip on shoes)
Regulation Winter Coat	Regulation Red Cagoule
School Scarf (optional, but no other scarf permitted)	School Blazer
Plain Red, Grey or Black gloves	Sun Hat (optional when advised)
Black Fleece Hat with crest (optional Nov - Feb)	
Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers	Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers
Regulation Red Shoe Bag	1
Regulation Black School Satchel with Crest	

P.E. Clothing:

Football Boots
Shin Pads
Trainers
Plain white sports socks
Regulation football shirt
Regulation white shorts
Regulation black shorts
Regulation white polo top with School Crest
Plain red football socks
Regulation tracksuit trousers (plain black)
Regulation sweatshirt
Regulation waterproof training jacket (initials optional)
Regulation black and red swimming trunks
Regulation Red Sports Bag
Baselayer Top (Optional)
Baselayer Bottoms (Optional)
Froebelian Baselayer Shorts (Optional)

UNIFORM LIST LKG - Form II

GIRLS		
Winter:	Summer:	
Regulation pinafore	School Summer Dress	
White Blouse (long sleeved)	Plain white underskirt (optional)	
Red Tie	School Blazer	
Regulation Red Cardigan or Pullover with School Crest	Regulation Red Cardigan or Pullover with School Crest	
Plain red knee socks or plain red tights	Plain White ankle or knee socks	
Regulation Winter Coat	Regulation red cagoule	
School Hat with Crest	Summer Hat with Crest	
Black Fleece Hat with Crest (optional Nov - Feb)	Sun Hat (optional when advised)	
Plain Black Shoes with conventional heel, sole & fastener (n.b. not slip on shoes)	Plain Red or Black Shoes with conventional heel, sole & fastener (n.b. not slip on shoes)	
Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers	Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers	
Plain Red, Grey or Black gloves	Black Fleece (LKG – KG strongly advisable)	
School Scarf (optional, but no other scarf permitted)		
Black Fleece (LKG – KG strongly advisable)		
Regulation Red Shoe Bag		
LKG - REMOVE - Red School Satchel with Crest		
FI & FII - Regulation Black School Satchel with Crest		

P. E. Clothing: (not applicable to LKG)

Plain White sports socks	(Forms KG – Form II)
Red Shorts	(Forms KG – Form II)
Regulation White Polo top with School Crest	(Forms KG – Form II)
Regulation tracksuit trousers (plain black)	(Forms Remove to FII)
Regulation sweatshirt (optional for Remove)	(Forms Remove to FII)
Plain black leotard (optional for Remove)	(Forms Remove to FII)
Plain black footless tights (optional)	(Forms Remove to FII)
Regulation black and red Swimming Costume	(Forms I - II)
Red Swimming Cap with School Crest	(Forms I - II)
Regulation Red Sports Bag	(Forms I - II)
Regulation waterproof training jacket (initials optional)	(Forms I - II)
Trainers	(Forms Remove to FII)
Baselayer Top (Optional)	(Forms I – II)
Baselayer Bottoms (Optional)	(Forms I – II)
Baselayer Shorts (Optional)	(Forms I – II)

UNIFORM LIST LKG - Form II

В	OYS	
Winter:	Summer:	
Grey long trousers	Grey short trousers	
Red Tie	Red Tie	
Grey Shirt (long sleeved)	Formal white short-sleeved shirt	
Regulation Red Pullover with School Crest	Regulation Red Pullover with School Crest	
School Cap with Crest	School Cap with Crest	
Regulation grey and red socks	Regulation grey and red socks (grey ankle socks optional)	
Plain Black Shoes with conventional heel & sole (n.b. not slip on shoes)	Plain brown or black sandals with conventional heel & sole (n.b. not slip on shoes)	
Regulation Winter Coat	Regulation Red Cagoule	
School Scarf (optional, but no other scarf permitted)	School Blazer	
Plain Red, Grey or Black Gloves	Sun Hat (optional when advised)	
Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers	Indoor Shoes: Black pumps (plimsolls) n.b. not trainers	
Black Fleece Hat with Crest (optional Nov - Feb)	Black Fleece (LKG – KG strongly advisable)	
Black Fleece (LKG – KG strongly advisable)		
Regulation Red Shoe Bag		
LKG - REMOVE - Red School Satchel with Crest		
FI - II - Regulation Black School Satchel with Crest		

P. E. Clothing: (not applicable to LKG)

Regulation white polo top with School Crest	(Forms KG – Form II)
Regulation white shorts	(Forms KG – Form II)
Regulation tracksuit trousers (plain black)	(Forms Remove to FII)
Regulation sweatshirt (optional for Remove)	(Forms Remove to FII)
Regulation black shorts	(Forms I – II)
Regulation football shirt	(Forms I – II)
Plain red football socks	(Forms I - II)
Plain white sports socks	(Forms Remove to II)
Trainers	(Forms Remove - II)
Regulation waterproof training jacket (initials optional)	(Forms I – II)
Regulation black and red swimming trunks	(Forms I - II)
Regulation Red Sports Bag	(Forms I - II)
Football Boots	(Forms I - II)
Shin Pads	(Forms I – II)
Baselayer Top (Optional)	(Forms I – II)
Baselayer Bottoms (Optional)	(Forms I – II)
Baselayer Shorts (Optional)	(Forms I –II)