



Dolphin School Uniform Policy

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The Dolphin School colours are bright blue, grey, gold and white, representing the sea, the sky and the sun.

There are four categories when considering the Dolphin uniform: KS1 girls (Reception – Year 2), KS1 boys (Reception – Year 2), KS2 girls (Years 3-6) and KS2 boys (Years 3-6).

1. Aims of school uniform

- 1.1 To be smart and practical.
- 1.2 To enable the identification of children as Dolphin pupils, both for safety when outside the school building and to encourage a positive public perception of the school in the community.
- 1.3 To remove the need for competition or an over-emphasis on fashion and external appearance.
- 1.4 To encourage a sense of identity as a community and pride in such identity.

2. Expectations regarding school uniform

- 2.1 All children are expected to wear the correct uniform, purchased from the stated stockists. Acceptance of a place for your child at Dolphin School is acceptance of this uniform policy.
- 2.2 All items of uniform must be clearly named; the school can only assist parents in finding lost items if they are named.
- 2.3 Winter uniform **must** be worn after Autumn Half-Term until the end of the Spring Term. Summer uniform **must** be worn after Summer Half-Term. Either winter or summer uniform may be worn during the first half of the Summer Term and the first half of the Autumn Term depending on the weather. The school reserves the right to stipulate winter or summer uniform for school events.
- 2.4 Summer and winter uniform must not be mixed.
- 2.5 Shirts must be tucked in and ties worn at the correct length and not shortened.

- 2.6 Only school badges may be worn, on the cardigan, pullover or blazer.
- 2.7 Socks must be the correct style as stated on the uniform list and **without** embroidery or lace.
- 2.8 School shoes must be the colour stated on the uniform list, plain (without pattern or decoration), with a low heel and either lace-up or with a buckle or Velcro strap. Velcro is recommended for younger children unless they are able to do up their own laces or buckles.

3. Aims of PE kit

- 3.1 To be suitable for playing a range of sports in different seasons and hot and cold weather.
- 3.2 To ensure safety whilst playing sport, the use of mouthguards and shin pads when playing hockey and tag rugby is compulsory.
- 3.3 To identify Dolphin pupils and Dolphin sports teams.

4. Expectations regarding PE kit

- 4.1 All children are expected to wear the correct PE kit in the correct size purchased from the stated stockists.
- 4.2 All children must have suitable footwear and other equipment such as mouthguards and shin pads as stated on uniform list. Mouthguards must be moulded at home.
- 4.3 Trainers should have Velcro or laces, but children should have Velcro until they can tie their own laces.
- 4.4 All children in KS2 are required to have a Dolphin rugby shirt.
- 4.5 Football shirts are provided by the school for sports fixtures.
- 4.6 Children involved in after-school clubs **must** have a school fleece and blue waterproof.
- 4.7 Children **must** have a royal blue cap for sun protection in the Summer Term.
- 4.8 Children **must** have black plimsolls.

5. Aims of outdoor wear

5.1 To provide necessary protection from the elements.

5.2 To look smart.

6. Expectations regarding outdoor wear

6.1 Parents must provide trainers (predominantly white) for outdoor wear and black or blue Wellingtons (plain in design) are compulsory in KS1 and strongly recommended in KS2.

6.2 All children must have plain navy blue hat, scarf and gloves.

6.3 All children must have a school blazer, a school fleece and a school navy waterproof in school each day.

6.4 Dolphin School backpacks are compulsory .

7. Expectations regarding hair

7.1 Hair should be clean and tidy and should be cut or tied back when it reaches the shoulder. This requirement is not only for appearance but also for health and safety reasons. Hair can be tied back into a ponytail, plaits, bunches or bun. Hair clips or a plain blue hair band (or white in summer) can be worn. All hair accessories must be blue and plain with no patterns or attachment. Blue hair ribbons (or white in summer) may be worn.

7.2 Hair colouring – permanent or semi-permanent – is not acceptable for girls or boys.

7.3 Hair that covers the eyes or face is not acceptable.

8. Expectations regarding jewellery and make-up

8.1 Neither make-up, nail varnish nor jewellery is to be worn in school.

8.2 Watches are acceptable but should not be too large or gaudy. Walkie Talkie watches are not acceptable.

8.3 Plain gold or silver studs (1 pair only) are acceptable for pierced ears.

8.4 All other jewellery and accessories are unacceptable.

9. Monitoring of the uniform policy

- 9.1** If parents are let down by our uniform supplier, please inform the School Receptionist in the office, who will inform the class teacher. Your child will not be sanctioned for a failure on the part of the supplier.
- 9.2** If your child is wearing incorrect school uniform without explanation or prior agreement, a uniform slip will be sent home to give one week to change the item. If the item is not changed, either the class teacher or a member of the Senior Team will speak to you. If the problem is not rectified within a reasonable time frame, you will receive a letter reminding you of the Uniform Policy. The school reserves the right to enforce its policy.

10. Changes to the school uniform

- 10.1** The school reserves the right to make changes to the uniform, but will allow at least a year's transition period in the introduction of new items. Availability, affordability and style are all taken into account.