QRA
Uniform Policy

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Introduction

At Queens Road Academy we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside of normal school hours. We understand the financial implications involved in purchasing school uniform, and therefore in order to support the affordability of this, all items of our school uniform are available for purchase at supermarkets or local chain stores. Additionally, for those who would like branded uniforms with the school logo, we provide the option to order them through the school website.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion and equality
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind

The role of parents/carers

We consider it a parental/carer responsibility to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, which should be clean, in good condition, and clearly labelled with the child's name. In the event that a parent/carer encounters difficulties fulfilling this requirement for any reason, we kindly request them to speak confidentially with a member of our senior leadership team to address any concerns. We want to assure parents/carers that we are committed to providing assistance to the best of our ability. If a student arrives at school wearing non-school uniform attire, we will offer them an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day, if available. The same procedure will be followed for students who do not have a PE kit. In such cases, we will contact the parents/carers to discuss the matter further.

Uniform list

All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 are expected to always wear school uniform, below we have outlined what is essential uniform and what is optional. Children can wear branded or non-branded uniform as long as the school colours are adhered to.

All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 are expected to wear school uniform at all times.

- Black or grey trousers / shorts /skirt / pinafore dress
- Navy blue/white polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- Blue or grey tights
- In the summer children may choose to wear a blue gingham dress

PE kit

- Black shorts / joggers
- White T-shirt or House coloured T-shirt
- Black sweatshirt or hoodie
- Trainers or pumps

Please note that on your child's PE days children are to come to school wearing their PE kits.

Footwear

All children are required to wear sensible, weather appropriate footwear that fully cover feet (sliders and crocs are not suitable).

Jewellery, hair accessories, make-up and nail varnish

- One pair of stud earrings and a watch may be worn for school. No other jewellery, including smart watches or other piercings are permitted.
- All jewellery must be removed by the child when participating in any physical education, so we encourage no jewellery at all on PE or swimming days. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.
- Children may wear appropriate hair bands, ribbons, bows or scrunchies.
- Make up and artificial nails should not be worn to school. If a pupil is wearing these, they will be asked to remove them.

Second hand uniform

In an effort to support parents and carers with the cost and affordability of school uniforms, starting from September 2023, schools will be providing a range of pre-loved uniforms for FREE or as a SWAP. These uniforms will be made available through generous donations from our school community. If you have any good condition items that your child has outgrown, we kindly request that you bring them to the school office. We kindly ask that all donated items are clean and in proper condition.

To make it easier for everyone, a dedicated rail will be placed in the entrance of the school, providing convenient access to the donated uniforms. Feel free to help yourself to the items you need. We hope that by offering this service, we can alleviate some of the financial burden associated with school uniforms and ensure that all students have access to suitable attire.