



School Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

The staff, governors and parents support the wearing of a School Uniform. The children at Queens Road Academy are very proud to belong to our school and the uniform re-enforces this sense of identity.

2. Uniform expectations

As with all other areas of school, we expect very high standards and encourage children to take a pride in their appearance. Therefore, the following policy has been agreed.

- White shirts (long sleeved or short sleeve)
- School tie (Y1-Y6 only): Children in Foundation Stage One (Nursery) and Foundation Stage Two (Reception) do not need to wear a tie.
- Navy blue jumper or navy-blue cardigan: This can be either with or without the school logo.
- Summer dress: Navy and white gingham
- Grey/black tailored trousers, shorts, or skirt (knee length): These should not be patterned, decorated, jeans, flares, tracksuit or leggings.
- Black smart school shoes: Only plain black shoes are permitted – leather or leather look. Footwear must be sensible – heels, pumps, trainers, or sandals are **not** permitted. In the colder months, children are permitted to wear boots. These must be black leather or leather look. Boots should be plain without buckles or fur.

Physical Education (PE)

Having the correct PE Kit for Queens Road Academy, ensures that pupils are appropriately ready and organised for their PE sessions. All children from Reception (FS2) to Year 6 change from their normal clothing for Physical Education. Please supply a named bag for all PE clothing. These can be hung easily on your child's peg.

The PE Kit for Queens Road is as follows:

- Plain red, blue, yellow or green (house colour) T-shirt with a round neck
- Plain navy/black tracksuit bottoms and/or navy shorts
- Navy sweatshirt- blue sweater with the school logo or a plain black hoodie.
- A pair of trainers (flat soled and appropriate for sporting activity) or black plimsolls (If plimsolls are worn for PE, comfortable black school shoes should be worn for the rest of the day)
- Hair **must** be tied back in order to prevent entanglement in apparatus and to prevent it obscuring vision.

If children forget their kits, parents will be contacted in the morning to bring in the PE kit.

Uniform specific to the school can be purchased from Vortex or from School shop on ARBOR or from New to You shop.

Swimming (Year 3 only)

Specific information about swimwear will be sent out prior to your child taking part in school swimming lessons.

Swimming kit for Queens Road is:

- Towel
- Swimming costume/trunks
- Hair **must** be tied back to prevent entanglement and to prevent it obscuring vision.

3. Naming of Clothing

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name. **This cannot be stressed too clearly.** We collect a vast amount of unnamed lost property and sadly, without a name, it is not possible for us to find the owner.

4. Lost property

Any lost property found will be checked for a name. If there is a name in the item, it will be returned to the child. If there is no name in the item, it will be placed in the New to You shop.

5. Jewellery, make-up, nails and hair

No jewellery, including small studs or unsuitable bobbles and hairbands are allowed to be worn by children in school other than a wristwatch. This is for health and safety reasons. If children are to get their ears pierced, we recommend this is done during the longer Summer holiday to allow healing time before the return to school. **No member of staff** is permitted to remove a child's earrings so children must be able to remove their own earrings /parent to do so on arrival. Wearing plasters or tape over the earrings is not permitted.

We highly recommend, for health and safety and hygiene reasons, any long hair is always tied back. Hair **MUST** be tied back for Physical Education lessons. Parents/carers should provide the bobbles.

Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail polish for school. For health and safety reasons, children must not wear artificial nails of any type for school.

6. Buying uniform

We work hard to ensure our school uniform is affordable for all. Most items can be purchased from various affordable local stores such as supermarkets. We do not insist that children wear items with the school logo, this is parental choice. The only school specific item is the school tie which are required for children Year 1 to Year 6.

School specific items can be purchased through Vortex or ARBOR shop or from New to You shop.

If at any point, you are struggling to provide uniform for your child, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Karan. Mrs Karan can be contacted at the gate, via ringing the school office or via email.

7. Maintaining high expectations

Parents of children attending school in incorrect uniform will be contacted on the day via phone call and a child may be sent home if not adhering to school uniform policy.

We understand that items do go missing and children grown out of items. As a result, a grace period will be given to allow parents/carers to replace any uniform items (approx. 1 week).

There are times when children may need to deviate from our uniform policy. For example, a foot injury may require non-school uniform footwear to be required for a short period of time. In these cases, please contact school to inform us of the issue.

8. Diversity

The school recognises the diversity of cultures, religions and disabilities of its children and will take a sensitive approach when this affects dress/clothing requirements. However, priority will be given to health and safety and security considerations. Risk Assessments will take place as appropriate.

9. Equality and Diversity

If on reading this policy you feel there are any equality and diversity issues, please contact the headteacher who will, if necessary, ensure this policy is reviewed.