

CASSIOBURY INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

Dress Code for Children

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'Learning together, growing together; inspiring our children on their journey through life'

The governors of the school believe that one way of promoting our school vision is to set guidelines for the children, staff and parents in the way they dress and the way they appear in school. By setting this policy the governors are not making any judgements about the dress or appearance of the children in or out of school but feel setting guidelines helps to create a positive atmosphere in the school which, in turn leads to the creation of an environment which promotes learning and tolerance of others.

Aims and Objectives

- To help promote the core values of the school
- To create a shared ethos within the school where dress and appearance do not become issues of distraction, disagreement and conflict among the pupils
- To inform parents, children and staff of guidelines for dress and appearance
- To help the Headteacher and staff monitor dress and appearance and pupils to follow the guidelines
- To encourage staff to become good role models regarding dress and appearance.

The guidelines for dress and appearance cover five main areas:

- a) School Uniform
- b) PE Uniform
- c) Jewellery
- d) School Footwear
- e) Hairstyles

School Uniform

The governors believe that the wearing of school uniform by pupils is essential in promoting the core values of this school. All children attending our school are expected to wear our uniform.

NURSERY: Jogging bottoms (navy) / Grey skirt / Navy or black shorts/light blue checked dress
School blue polo shirt (with or without school logo)
School sweatshirt/cardigan

Reception upwards:

School blue polo shirt (with or without school logo)
School sweatshirt/cardigan
Grey trousers / grey shorts / grey skirts / Grey tunic / grey skirt
Grey socks / grey tights
White / grey / black socks
Light blue and white check dress (summer)

PE UNIFORM

It is essential that children are equipped to take part in all physical education activity. PE is part of the national curriculum and is therefore not an optional activity. Children are expected to wear their PE Uniform on their PE days.

Uniform:

- Coloured T shirt (linked to the child's house team; red, blue, green or yellow)
- Black shorts
- Velcro trainers
- Navy coloured jogging bottoms
- Navy coloured hoodie or jumper (with or without school logo)

Children will not be allowed to participate in the physical aspect of PE without their PE uniform.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Children will be expected to go outside in all weathers, therefore need to dress appropriately. We are a Forest School and children are required to have Wellington boots, waterproof coat. For the winter, children need a warm waterproof coat **with a hood**, hats and gloves.

LOST PROPERTY

It is the responsibility of parents/carers that all school clothing (uniform, PE kits, coats, scarves, gloves etc.) should be marked with their child's name so that it can be returned to the owner when lost. All lost unmarked clothing will be placed in the box in the Reception area for parents/carers to look through. The school reserves the right to dispose of unclaimed property if it has been at the school for a considerable time.

JEWELLERY

The wearing of jewellery in school is not permitted unless it is a necessary reflection of religious beliefs. Ear studs are acceptable but only plain and small in type. Earrings that dangle or hoops are not allowed as they can cause nasty tears to ears in the playground. The wearing of jewellery in PE is prohibited for safety reasons. All children are required to remove earrings before taking part or tape them up with micropore tape to avoid accidents. You will need to provide micropore tape in your child's PE bag.

SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

Plain socks/tights should be worn. Shoes should be of the 'school' type sold in most retailers and should be coloured black. Fashion shoes (boots, multi-coloured, ballet pump style, plimsolls, wellies, slingbacks etc.) are not permitted. Trainers or trainer type shoes are not permitted for everyday use.

HAIRSTYLES

Certain styles of a more extreme nature can become a distraction to the child involved and the other children in the school. For parental guidance, the following list of styles is not acceptable in school.

- Gelled hair- where the hair is spiked or styled into unusual shapes
- Patterned styles, where patterns, words, pictures or logos are shaved in.
- Dyed hair

It is a Health and Safety requirement that all long hair is tied up.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Nail varnish, make up (including coloured lip balm), transfers/ tattoos are not permitted unless for religious reasons
- Hair bows should be of a small size
- Any sunhat may be worn during the summer season.
- No sunglasses permitted in school
- No umbrellas in school
- Analogue watches only (to be used to support teaching the time). Children must be able to do the straps themselves and the school will not be held liable for loss/damage. Wearable technology eg Apple watches or any watch which has a camera/capacity for data storage are not permitted.

PROBLEMS WITH COMPLYING WITH THE CODE

At times parents may find it difficult to comply fully with these guidelines. School shoes may be ripped or lost, school jumpers may be accidentally torn or mislaid, children may have cut their own hair or asked a sibling to do it. These things do happen and the school is aware of this. Parents should inform the school of any difficulties they may have complying with this code.

REVIEW OF POLICY

The governors will review this policy every 5 years