



Uniform Policy

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Defence Children Services

Introduction

At Episkopi Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events which may sometimes be out of school hours.

Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops or through second hand suppliers such as the local Thrift Shop. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is below.

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 our school
- Identifies pupils with our school
- Supports our school's commitment to inclusion
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have their hair or have hair coloured or dyed for normal school days.

Footwear

We understand that, due to our climate and location, school shoes may be particularly difficult to source. We ask that children wear sensible, appropriate school shoes for active school days and playtimes. For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or flip flops, sliders or other loose-fitting shoes.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted if necessary to discuss the matter.

We welcome 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 we will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher and school governance committee monitor and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.



The following items can be purchased from the school office:

Sweatshirt/ Fleece	€15.50
PE T-Shirt	€6.00
PE Shorts	€6.00
PE Bag	€3.50
Hat	€4.50
Book bag	€5.50

PLEASE NOTE:

School dresses, trousers, shorts and school shirts are not available to buy from school and may be more easily purchased in the UK than in Cyprus.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Winter (mid October to end of March)

Girls: Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers, white cotton blouse, navy blue school sweatshirt/fleece

Boys: Grey trousers, white cotton shirt, navy blue school sweatshirt/fleece

Summer (April to mid October)

Girls: Blue check cotton dress or smart beige shorts (not beige skirts), white shirt (can be polo style)

Boys: Smart beige shorts, white shirt (can be polo style)



PE kit: Children MUST have appropriate kit for PE lessons including suitable training shoes. The Royal blue T-shirt (with school badge) and white shorts can be purchased from the school office all year round. We also sell a PE bag featuring the school badge.

School shoes: These should be dark in colour and a sensible style, appropriate for children to be active during playtimes (NO flip flops or Crocs). We don't insist on 'no trainers' but if children do wear trainers to school they should use a different pair for PE sessions.

Jewellery should not be worn to school, though a wristwatch and one pair of stud earrings is permitted. These MUST be removed for PE and swimming. A child who has recently had their ears pierced may wear studs for PE for the first 6 weeks after piercing, but parents MUST tape them over for that day in school.

A 'No hat, no play' policy is applied during the hotter periods of the year –

children will only be allowed to play in the sun if they are wearing a hat; children without a hat will be asked to remain within the shaded areas. **We also recommend that you apply sun cream before school** to protect your child's skin – especially if your child has outdoor PE or swimming that day.

