

Perranporth School

Uniform Policy



Effective date: Sept 2022

Next review date: Sept 2024

School Uniform and Appearance:

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity that supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. Our uniform aims to ensure comfort and safety while children carry out normal activities of the school day.

At Perranporth School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- reduces 'fashion competition' between children
- Is affordable – with second hand purchase opportunities

All children should wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. It reflects the local needs represented at Perranporth School.

Where to purchase School uniform:

Parents are free to purchase school uniform from any supplier they wish. Our 'branded uniform', that is the uniform displaying the school badge, can be purchased from: Keywear Uniforms, 1 Church Walk, Truro, TR1 1JH
Tel: 01872 242 233

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It is not necessary for children to wear branded uniform. Families are free to purchase generic, non-branded uniform from any suppliers, supermarkets and other retailers. We just request that generic uniform is in keeping with the school uniform colours.

Second hand uniform is available through our Friends of Perranporth School group (FOPS). FOPS have several second-hand uniform sales during the school year when items of uniform can be purchased for a donation to FOPS. Please call the School Office to access the second-hand uniform or find out when the next sale is: 01872 572021

Pupil Premium – Uniform Vouchers: If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, Perranporth School uses a portion of the funding to offer parents a uniform voucher per pupil.

These vouchers can be used to purchase any two items of school uniform (or equivalent) at Keywear in Truro. If you are in receipt of income support, income-based job seeker's allowance, income related employment support and allowance, child tax credits (with an annual income of no more than £16,190) then your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding. If you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding / free school meals, please call the school office to fill out a short form or look on our school website

What children should wear:

At Perranporth School we want our children to be comfortable in their school uniform. Our uniform is not gender specific – there is no requirement for boys or girls to wear certain aspects of school uniform. We do not insist on particular items of school uniform being worn at specific times of the year. The information below is just a guide:



Winter:

- Green sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece (optional)
- White shirt - standard or polo style (required)
- Black or grey trousers (optional)
- Black or grey skirt - at an appropriate length to participate in all normal school activities (optional)
- Plain white or plain dark coloured socks/tights (required)
- Black footwear that is flat and closed toe (required)
- A waterproof coat (optional)



Summer:

- Green and white checked dress for summer wear if preferred (optional)
- Black or grey tailored shorts (optional)
- White shirt - standard or polo style (required)
- Black/dark sandals can be worn provided they have a closed toe cap

Parents and carers are reminded that children often sit cross-legged in school, therefore skirts should be chosen to ensure children can do this comfortably and without embarrassment. Children may wear black cycling type shorts or leggings under a skirt or dress.

All uniform should be clearly named – this is very helpful in returning items that may have been misplaced.

P.E. and Games Kit

All children should have appropriate clothing to change into for P.E. lessons. This should be in school every day as the timetable for P.E. may vary according to hall availability and other changes in the school day.

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls should be worn or bare feet for gymnastics/dance. Uniform may vary depending on the age of the children, the type of P.E. (i.e. Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Athletics) and where the lesson takes place, for example on the school field, in the playground or in the Hall.

Branded PE T-shirts can be purchased from Keywear Uniforms or parents can purchase generic, a non-branded white round neck t-shirt and black shorts from any suppliers, supermarkets and other retailers.

P.E. Kit should consist of the following:

- White t-shirt - plain (required)
- Black shorts - plain (required)
- Trainers - there should always be a change of shoes for P.E. activities (required)
- Tracksuit/sweatshirt for outdoor activities in colder weather (optional)
- Children who go swimming need a towel, swimming trunks or one-piece costume, swimming cap and brush or comb. (required)

Other aspects of appearance and presentation in school For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. This includes earrings, however, if ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn.

Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, jewellery other than stud earrings, should not be worn. Appropriate hair accessories should be worn. Oversize hair accessories are deemed a fashion item. Appropriate caps or sunhats should be worn outside during sunny weather.

Hair

Long hair should be tied back using hair bands etc that are matching colours of the school uniform. We request that there are no 'extreme' hairstyles. Hair dye is an aspect of fashion and is not permitted.

School Bags

All children require a book bag for carrying their reading books and belongings. All bags should be identified with the child's name and should be of a sensible size, adequate to carry the small of items children need in school daily. This is to help with cloakroom space which is very limited throughout school.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

If a child is not wearing correct uniform, the class teacher/ Headteacher will inform a parent/carer to establish any reason for this and ensure it is remedied as soon as possible.

Lost Uniform

Perranporth School cannot be responsible for lost uniform. For this reason it is critical that clothing is clearly labelled so it can be returned to the owner rather than becoming 'lost property'.

Any lost property will be stored in a container in school, children are welcome to check through this during the school day, and parents after school at the discretion of the office. Any lost property unclaimed by the end of each school year will be disposed of.