

RATHFARNHAM



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RETNS Dress Code

Our Dress Code reflects the age range of primary school children and seeks to promote a safe and healthy environment for our school community. It is the collective responsibility of parents/guardians and staff to ensure that our children grow up in a school environment where they are free to develop without unnecessary outside pressures.

The Board of Management requests that all parents/ guardians co-operate fully in ensuring our dress code is followed:

All children should come suitably dressed to attend primary school. Clothing should be comfortable and suited to an active day. Physical exertion at break times and movement breaks in the classroom are an integral part of the school day and a child's clothes should not prohibit them from fully participating in games/activities

- Children should wear appropriate clothing for swimming, PE, dance and drama and for extra-curricular activities. Tracksuits are appropriate for these days and runners are essential. Children wearing unsuitable footwear will not be permitted to participate in PE or extra-curricular sports activities.
- Shoes should be sturdy and flat, providing good support and with non-slip soles. Heels are not suitable. Heelys, rollerblades or roller skates are not allowed for safety reasons
- There is no uniform in RETNS. Children wear their own clothing and in so doing express their individuality and confidence. Their chosen attire should, however, be appropriate for children of primary school age. No articles of clothing bearing slogans which could cause offence to other members of the school community should be worn
- In the interest of health and safety, dangling earrings should not be worn to school. Nor should jewellery such as any necklaces and bracelets which could be distracting and / or a risk to safety

- Children should tie their hair back when it is long enough to do so. This is for health and safety reasons when participating in games and practical classroom activities and also to help prevent the spread of head lice
- Pupils should not wear make-up to school
- Sprays i.e. hairspray, body spray etc. should not be brought into school or to the swimming pool. These are unsafe when inhaled by students or adults with certain medical conditions

In hot weather:

- Apply sun protection before you bring your children to school
- Provide a sunhat
- Clothing can be an excellent barrier against UV rays. Many lightweight sun-protective styles cover the neck, upper arms and upper legs. Crop/bikini or off-the-shoulder tops are not suitable for school and shorts should be of an appropriate length if worn without tights

In cold weather, children should come to school dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing for outdoor play. Hats and coats should only be worn outdoors.

If parent/ guardians or children are unsure of the suitability of an item of clothing for RETNS, they are welcome to consult the child's class teacher.

We are grateful to parents and guardians for their co-operation in maintaining a child-friendly environment for children attending RETNS.

Review date: This Dress Code was ratified by the BOM on 9th March 2020 following consultation with the staff, Parents Association and Student Council. It will be reviewed periodically, and any necessary amendments made.

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