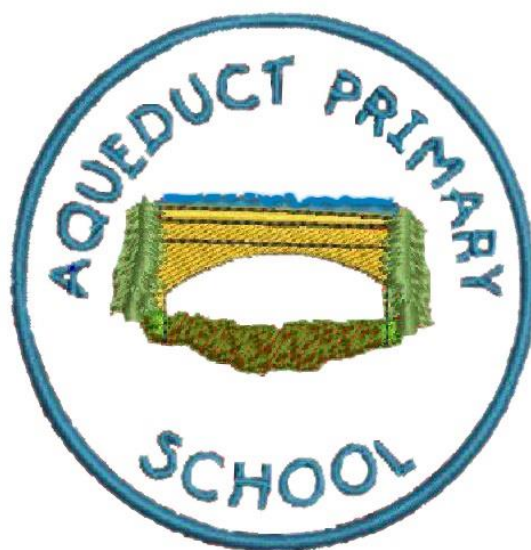


School Uniform Policy



2022

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Our Strapline

Building tomorrow, Leading the way ...

Our Values

Positivity, happiness, learning, kindness, safety and respect.

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website and in our school prospectus.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- ✓ promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- ✓ engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ✓ is practical and smart;
- ✓ promotes the ethos of the school;
- ✓ makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- ✓ is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- ✓ is designed with health and safety in mind.

Our Uniform

The School Uniform is:

- ✓ black trousers (boys or girls) and grey, white or black socks
- ✓ black school skirt with black or red woollen tights or black/white socks
- ✓ white shirt or polo shirt
- ✓ red jumper or cardigan with school logo on (available from school website)

Our school logo jumper or cardigan is the only branded item we require all pupils to have.

Footwear

- ✓ black sensible, smart school shoes (no heels, trainers or boots)

In warmer months

- ✓ red and white gingham dresses can be worn with white socks.
- ✓ Black smart shorts with white tops

NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material, not sportswear or fashion styles.

PE kit:

- ✓ A Plain red T-shirt
- ✓ Navy shorts or jogging bottoms (for colder months)
- ✓ Trainers (for outside use)

Our pupils come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they are timetabled to have PE. Long hair should be tied up. This is to avoid health and safety risks and ensure that vision is not impeded.

Additional items

Following requests from parents we do now provide a sports logo t-shirt and zip training top which can be worn on PE days. These are optional.

** NOTE - During the Autumn Term 2022 Parental Consultations we will be consulting with parents about the sports uniform on offer and collecting feedback about value for money and other options available. This is in response to the request from some parents for a full sports tracksuit which many of our local secondary feeder schools offer. We will also be considering changing the navy shorts and jogging bottoms to black as parents have raised that navy isn't always available in shops.*

NB. We request that pupils bring their normal school shoes to wear inside school so that trainers can be limited to outside as they can get dirty. Pupils have lockers to store these in from year 2-6. Pupils in reception to year 1 are advised to bring a bag to store their spare shoes in.

We do not specify a coat for pupils but do recommend that these be warm and comfortable. There is no requirement to wear a coat but if parents are struggling with providing a warm coat there are local schemes which can be utilised to support parents to access winter coats. Please speak to a member of our senior leadership team or our Inclusion Support Manager (Mrs Batchelor) for more information.

All items of clothing - including shoes and wellingtons - should be clearly marked with the child's name.

School bags featuring inappropriate or non age-appropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted.

Pupils are provided with an Aqueduct water bottle on registration. These are kept in school, cleaned, emptied and filled daily and sterilised once a week.

Our Uniform is currently provided by Baker and Sons and Bristows. Links to their website can be found on our school website under the tab 'School Uniform' They will both deliver directly to school where items will be distributed by our admin team.

<http://www.aqueductprimary.co.uk/parents-carers/school-uniform/>

Baker and Son have a store in Wellington High Street to purchase uniform directly from or you can order via their website.

<https://www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/your-school/aqueduct-primary-school/>

Bristows have a store in Bridgenorth to purchase uniform directly from or you can order via their website.

NB. Bristows do offer a school logo book bag, however this is optional. We do however recommend that bags be small enough to fit into their locker and should be named. A bag only needs to fit spare shoes and their reading books.

http://shop.schooluniformfactory.co.uk/epages/es137867.sf/en_GB/?ObjectPath=/Shops/es137867/Categories/Aqueduct_Primary_School

In school we have a small provision of good quality, clean pre-loved uniform. We advise that should this be of use to our parents that they please talk to a member of the team who can be of assistance. We welcome donations of good quality uniform which other children may have grown out of and at the beginning of the year hold an open morning where parents can come and make use of this stock before the school year begins. (We do not charge for these items.)

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- ✓ ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- ✓ small objects of religious significance (we ask that parents talk to a member of staff about these so that we can be aware)
- ✓ a simple watch (no smart watches please)

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

We advise parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Board is responsible for:

- ✓ In consultation with the Head Teacher and school community, establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- ✓ Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding the school's uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
- ✓ Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents/carers, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.

- ✓ Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.

The Head Teacher is responsible for:

- ✓ Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- ✓ Ensuring that school staff understand this policy and know what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- ✓ Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the Governing Board.
- ✓ Providing pupils with exemptions as appropriate e.g., for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

Teaching and support staff are responsible for:

- ✓ Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- ✓ Taking appropriate action when pupils are in breach of this policy.
- ✓ Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important e.g., to establish school identity.

Parents/carers are responsible for:

- ✓ Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy and that it is clean and in good repair.
- ✓ Informing the Head Teacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why.
- ✓ Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

Pupils are responsible for:

- ✓ Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the Head Teacher has granted an exemption.
- ✓ Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- ✓ Respecting why a school uniform is important to the school e.g. to develop a sense of belonging.

If any parent is struggling to provide this for their child, we ask that they work with us to discuss any needs they may have in order for us to assist in finding a solution together. We do not want the cost or access to our school uniform to be a barrier for any of our parents when considering us as their chosen school and do our best to keep branded items to a minimum.

Non-compliance

We believe that our school uniform is inclusive, accessible and affordable. Whilst we can discipline pupils for breaching the school rules on appearance or uniform, we will in the first instance work together with parents and pupils to support them to access the agreed school uniform and in some cases provide what we can. We welcome any feedback on our school uniform and encourage parents to discuss any concerns they may have with a member of our senior leadership team.

Safeguarding

Aqueduct School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have an up to date Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff (including supply staff, volunteers, and governors) must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Families are welcome to read the Policy on the school website.

Our Designated Safeguard Leads (DSLs) are: Tammy Lockley, Jo Clarke. Cara Duppa, Ash Palin and Lisa Batchelor (Inclusion Support Manager).

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Louise Aubrey