# Cherry Orchard Primary School
# School Uniform Policy – July 2026

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**Member of Staff Responsible:** Emma Emery (Deputy headteacher)
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**Consultation:** This policy was developed with staff following local and national curriculum guidance.

**Ethos Statement**

It is the aim of the Governing Body of Cherry Orchard Primary School to support the implementation of policies and procedures that support the vision of:

**"We care, we learn, we succeed."**

**Rationale:**

At Cherry Orchard Primary School we believe that school uniform creates an identity for our pupils, allowing them to show pride in their appearance and demonstrate our Core Values of Respect and Equality. It also gives pupils a sense of belonging and avoids pupils being judged by their choice of clothing. Wearing a school uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations regarding equal opportunities and does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability or religious belief.

**School Uniform expectations**

The governors have set a formal school uniform and we expect children to wear school's colours of bottle green, grey/black and white.

**Our school uniform is as follows:**

- Bottle green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White or Cherry Orchard green polo shirt (a plain white polo shirt can be worn under a school jumper or cardigan)
- Grey or black trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress
- Green and white summer dress or playsuit
- Appropriate outerwear (coat, hat, gloves, scarf) for the season
- Long hair must be tied back using either plain green, white or black bobbles or hair bands
- Headscarves should be fitted and be green, black, white or grey.

**Footwear:**

- Black, grey, green or white plain socks and tights should be worn for school
- Shoes should be black
- Fashion shoes (platforms, multi-coloured shoes, open-toe, trainer style, boots etc.) are not permitted
- Shoe heels should be less than 2cm

**Jewellery/Accessories (Rules here also apply on non-uniform days)**

- Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain studs. Any pupil wearing pierced earrings must be able to remove them for P.E. and replace them themselves.
- No necklaces, chains, rings and bracelets should be worn, unless worn specifically due to religious obligation (one only please, and pupils must be able to remove them for P.E.)
- Pupils may wear a wrist watch, but not a smart watch (see 'Mobile Phones and Wearable Technologies Policy').

**Physical Education:**

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| **Indoor P.E.** | ♦ Plain white T-shirt<br>♦ Plain black shorts or leggings or Cherry Orchard tracksuit bottoms<br>♦ Plain white, black or grey socks and black plimsolls (although children can be in bare feet for some activities) |
| **Outdoor Games** | ♦ Plain white T-shirt<br>♦ Plain black shorts or leggings for summer<br>♦ Plain white, black or grey socks and trainers<br>♦ Green school jumper OR Cherry Orchard tracksuit for winter |
| **Swimming** | ♦ Swimming costume or trunks (modesty swimsuits may be worn if required)<br>♦ Swimming cap or bobble for tying back hair<br>♦ Towel<br>♦ Goggles if required |

**Any pupil who does not bring their P.E. kit to school, or does not bring the correct P.E. kit to school, will be given kit from the school stock for the lesson.**

**We ask parents NOT to provide their children with branded clothing for P.E.**
**Please ensure that long hair is tied back for PE.**

It is recommended that every individual item of clothing and footwear is labelled with the child's full name and class so that lost items can be returned promptly.

**We ask parents not to send their children into school wearing:**

- Unsuitable shoes such as trainers, open-toed, heeled (trainers may be worn on PE days)
- Branded clothing or shoes
- Make-up or nail varnish
- Fake tattoos or transfers
- Jewellery, except in specific cases as stated above.

**School bags and equipment:**

Packed lunches should be brought to school in a lunch bag/box labelled with your child's name.
Reading books, homework and school planners should be brought to and from school.
Stationery is provided by the school and does not need to be brought in from home.
Pupils will not need a PE bag as they are asked to come to school already wearing their PE kit on PE days.

**Breaching Uniform Policy**

If your child breaks the school uniform rules, in the first instance, the parent will be contacted by phone. Further sanctions would include the child being internally excluded within the school, for example, s/he will be unable to play on the playground if wearing school shoes that do not follow school policy. The school will be considerate if a pupil does not keep to the uniform policy, and will try to find out why. This could be due to financial difficulties whereby the school will allow parents extra time to buy the correct items as well as sharing the school's uniform recycling scheme.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Revised July 2026
Emma Emery