Friday 10th June 2022

Dress to impress – Our school uniform and a reminder of our expectations!

We see school uniform as an essential part of school life. It is a symbol of belonging and something that unites all children in Florence Melly Community Primary School. This year we will be having a bigger push again on making sure that the children are wearing the correct uniform. We will be setting the highest of standards and expect your complete support and cooperation. Over the past few years the standard and monitoring of pupil's school uniform slipped but this year we have made significant progress and we want to kick on again next year - having the highest of expectations and standards.

To help support our parents/carers, most of our school uniform can be purchased from our school office. We have started this as early as possible this year to avoid any issues (like we faced last year). We have created a digital order form which you can access via this link: https://forms.office.com/r/Cw6BLPhZZn or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the next page. Alternatively, our branded uniform can also be bought from Lisa's School Wear on Priory Road or unbranded uniform can be purchased from most supermarkets. We do not expect children to attend school wearing branded uniform - this is just an option. We do not make much money on the items we sell - and anything that we do, goes straight back into our budget to spend on the children. We have this system not to make money but to try and support parents and make the purchase of school uniform as easy as possible.

You can order your uniform now! We are taking orders ready for September. **Orders placed before Friday 1st July will be ready to collect on Tuesday 19th July 2022.** School will be open from 10:00am until 3:00pm, ready for you to collect your order on that day (it is an INSET day for our staff). **Orders placed online during the Summer holidays** are likely to be delayed until mid to late September. We strongly advise placing your orders as soon as possible and definitely before Friday 1st July, to avoid any disappointment.

All orders are to be paid for in cash on collection. We will not be offering credit.

Winter uniform consists of...

- A school jumper or cardigan.
- Grey trousers, a grey skirt or pinafore.
- A white polo shirt or shirt with a tie.
- Black shoes or black ankle boots.
- Trainers are strictly not allowed.

Spring/Summer uniform consists of... (the items listed above and/or:)

- Grey shorts.
- A blue gingham summer dress.
- Black shoes, white, blue or clear jelly shoes.
- No trainers/Converse/pumps are allowed.

PE kit...

- We encourage the children to come to school wearing their PE kits on their designated PE day. They should wear a blue jogging suit over their PE kit.
- A blue hoody or zip up top.
- Blue tracksuit bottoms.
- A white polo shirt or white round neck t-shirt.
- Blue shorts

- Black plimsoles or **black trainers (new for this year)**.
- Football kits are not allowed.

There are lots of uniform combinations for parents/carers to choose from. This infographic provided is designed to show parents/carers what acceptable school uniform looks like.

Our expectations for school uniform are non-gender specific. Our pupils have the choice of what uniform they want to wear from the list provided above and all uniform is available to people of all genders.

Hair, make-up and piercings...

- Make up, including nail polish, should not be worn.
- Pupils who have pierced ears may wear a discreet stud in one or both ears. These must be removed during PE lessons for safety reasons.
- Jewellery is not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Pupils will be asked to remove any items of jewellery and these will be kept safe and sent home at the end of the day.
- Extremes in hairstyle are to be avoided. Hair should not be dyed any non-natural colour, i.e. pink, blue, green etc.

Footwear...

This is an important aspect of our school uniform. Please see the photos below, illustrating which footwear is acceptable. Our school allows:

- All black, plain, leather, polishable shoes (like those pictured below).
- White, blue or clear jelly shoes (in the Spring/Summer).
- Plain, black ankle boots (in the Winter).



We do **NOT** allow:

- Trainers (apart from black trainers) on your child's designated PE day, with their PE kit.
- Canvas pumps.
- Coloured or embroidered fashion shoes.

We hope that this document proves to be useful but appreciate that you may still have some unanswered questions. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact the school office - we are always here for advice and help.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Mr Leach Headteacher If you can DREAM it, you can do it!

Order your uniform here - scan this QR code!

