

Cedar Children's Academy

School Uniform Policy (for academic year 2017-2018)

Aims of the policy

This policy outlines: -

- The reasons for having a school uniform;
- What the school uniform consists of;
- Making the uniform accessible; and
- How the school will deal with non-adherence.

Why school uniform is important to Cedar Children's Academy

At Cedar Children's Academy, we believe that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background

School Uniform List

All children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in school-organised events outside of school (i.e trips unless notified otherwise).

For this academic year (2017-2018), children are able to wear either old uniform (Cedar Primary School) or the new uniform of Cedar Children's Academy.

Our new uniform supplier is Simmonds (<http://www.simmonds-ltd.com/Schools/CedarChildrensAcademy/tabid/2972/Default.aspx>) and new uniform must be purchased via their website.

We would not recommend purchasing old uniform but please speak to the office if there is a reason that you may wish to do this.

We expect all children in Year R-6 to wear the new Cedar Children's Academy uniform from September 2018.

The school uniform consists of:

<u>Old Cedar Primary School uniform</u> (This academic year only)	<u>New uniform</u> (Must be worn from September 2018)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White polo shirt • White collared shirt for Year 6 with tie (yellow striped) • Green cardigan or sweatshirt with Cedar Primary School logo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White collared shirt (All year groups except nursery) • Tie (elasticated for younger year groups – silver striped) • Green cardigan or jumper with Cedar Children's Academy logo
<p>Items for either uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey school trousers, school skirts, school pinafore dresses or culottes • Grey shorts and green and white gingham dresses may be worn in the summer • Socks – white, grey or black • Tights – grey or green • Black, flat shoes, with closed toes (no boots or sandals) • Hair accessories – these must be green, white, grey or black which must be discreet and functional 	

PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt or green one with Cedar Children's Academy logo
- Black shorts
- Black plimsolls/trainers
- Black tracksuit bottoms can be worn in the winter
- Children can wear their school sweatshirts for PE when doing outside activities in the winter.
- A spare pair of socks and a water bottle for PE

All items of school uniform (including footwear) should be clearly labelled with the child's full name in order to prevent items getting lost. **The school will make every effort to assist with lost items but will not take responsibility for items that are lost, particularly those which are not named.**

It is important that children have sensible shoes for school with buckles or Velcro. Children should only have laces if they are able to tie them independently. Trainers are only part of the outdoor PE kit and should not be worn at other times during the school day. Sandals, flip flops, shoes with raised heels, clogs or mules should not be worn as these are not suitable for school, especially at play times.

In the interests of safety no jewellery (chains, rings or decorative earrings) may be worn in school. Stud earrings for pierced ears are acceptable but for health and safety reasons, must be removed by the child or covered using medical tape during PE lessons (if the teacher in charge of the lesson deems this minimises the risk to a satisfactory level.) Standard watches may be worn, although the school cannot take responsibility for them and they must be removed for PE lessons.

Long hair should be tied back with accessories that are functional. Hair accessories that cause a distraction or purely have a decorative purpose, are not permitted. Children should not come to school with "extreme" haircuts or those which would cause a distraction to learning. Hair styles should also not obstruct the vision of a

pupil. Nail polish, make-up and temporary tattoos are not permitted in school. Decorative braids in hair should be removed as soon as possible.

Nursery

Uniform in Nursery is not compulsory although many parents choose to send their child in a school jumper. Clothing for nursery should be appropriate to the learning environment, appropriate for the child's age and stage of development and contribute to keeping them safe. Please speak to staff if you have any queries.

Book Bags and Bags

The majority of children in Early Years and KS 1 choose to have school book bags. These are available from our uniform supplier. The School Council voted last year for pupils to be able to bring in their own bags from home should they wish. If children choose to bring their own bags, they should be reasonable in size and not sentimental or valuable.

Mobile phones

We would rather that children do not bring mobile phones to school. However we recognise that many older pupils walk to and from school on their own and they offer safety and security for both parents and pupils. If a parent allows their child to bring a mobile to school, children must make sure they are on silent and take them to the office during registration in the morning. Pupils will then be permitted to collect their phones from the office just before the end of the school day. **The school will make every effort to assist with lost phones but will not take responsibility for lost phones.**

Children should not use the camera facility on their phone at all in school hours, unless given special permission (e.g. a particular event or their last day at the school) where they will also be given clear guidelines for their use.

Non-Adherence

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. In the first instance by the class teacher. If children are repeatedly sent to school in non-school uniform, a senior member of staff will write and or/meet with the child's parents.

By accepting a place at Cedar Children's Academy, parents agree to follow all school policies.

Cedar Children's Academy is an inclusive school and we welcome children from all backgrounds, faith communities and those who may have additional needs. If there are serious reasons, why parents need their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact their child's class teacher who will discuss the request with the

Deputy Headteacher or the Headteacher. Most agreed modifications are likely to be on a time limited basis.

If it is felt that after warnings a pupil is deliberately breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform, they will be disciplined and this will be carried out in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

Parents will be contacted when there is non-adherence to this policy. This may be by the child's class teacher, member of SLT or office staff depending on the issue.

When large or hooped earrings are worn, the child will be asked if they are able to remove them themselves. If they are not able to do this, parents will be asked to come to the school to remove them for the pupil. If parents are unable to fulfil this request, the school may need to make other provision for the pupil, particularly during break and lunchtimes to ensure the health and safety of the pupil.

When nail polish is worn, the child will be asked to remove this using nail polish remover but only once parents have been contacted to ensure there is no allergies. False nails are not permitted. If these are worn to school, parents will be contacted for the nails to be removed. When make-up is worn, the child will be asked to remove this using water. When a child is wearing a temporary tattoo, the child will be asked to use water to make an attempt to remove it. If this is not possible then the child's parents will be notified and asked to remove this as soon as feasibly possible.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to have their own water bottle and to drink regularly throughout the day. School water bottles must be purchased via ParentMail and collected from the school office once payment has been made. Children are only allowed water in their bottles.

Other items

School provide all stationery that children will need in class, however children can bring their own items (e.g pencils) but they must not cause a distraction to learning. Toys are **not** permitted in school. If your child wishes to bring something not covered by this policy, please ask their class teacher to avoid any disappointment or upset.

Accessibility to School Uniform

The school recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable and, if parents are suffering from financial hardship, or in receipt of benefits, they should contact the school for support.

The school recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable religious requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of gender, race, religion or belief.

Complaints and Challenges to School Uniform Policy

Disputes about school uniform should be raised in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

This uniform policy will be reviewed by the AAB and the SLT annually.