



Ponteland Community Primary School Pupil Dress Code Policy

Trustees at PCPS have formulated the following policy on dress code which will encourage pupils to dress in a way which is appropriate to the corporate image of the school and their health, well-being, safety and attendance at school. This follows from our general responsibility for the conduct of the school and for the promotion of teaching, learning, good behaviour and discipline on the part of its pupils (see sections 38 and 61 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998)

The advantages of pupils conforming to such a code of appropriate school dress include:

- The encouragement of a purposeful attitude to work and positive behaviour
- The promotion of a positive school ethos and a sense of identification with, and loyalty to, the school
- Improved security by being able to identify young people within the school and on school excursions
- A reduction in bullying and victimisation which can arise from peer pressure to adhere to certain fashion trends
- Raising young people's awareness of the requirement to dress appropriately for the circumstances e.g. certain work requirements, interviews etc
- The creation of a positive image in the local community
- Assisting parents in terms of economic and practical issues

Whilst pupils must adhere to the school dress code policy we are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions. Parents can apply in writing to the Headteacher if they wish their child(ren) to wear different items for any of these reasons. Patkas and hijabs may be worn, in black only.

The following dress code policy has been agreed taking into consideration the following factors, that is, items which cannot be worn are ones which:

- could potentially cause factions or offence;
- could affect health, safety and welfare;
- could cause damage to the furnishings.

The general guideline is that 'dress' is unacceptable if it distracts teachers from teaching and learning i.e. the normal operation of the school.

All items of clothing must be labelled with the child's name.

All school wear is available from Tots to Teams, Unit 10b, Airport Industrial Estate, Kingston Park.
<https://totstoteams.com/schools> Tel: 0191 271 5454

Uniform requirements

Early Years: Nursery and Reception Regulation Items

Girls

Grey pinafore, white/red polo shirt
Red cardigan with school name only to be worn with pinafore/check dress
White with red tipped polo shirt with school name

School tie - tied to cover fastened top button of collared shirt
White socks
School shoes (Velcro)
Black plimsoles as a change of shoes

Boys

Grey trousers
Red jumper with school name

White with red tipped polo shirt with school name
School tie - tied to cover fastened top button of collared shirt
Grey/black socks
School shoes (Velcro)
Black plimsoles as a change of shoes

Early Years: Nursery and Reception Optional Summer Wear

Girls

Red check dress (summer term)

Boys

Grey shorts (summer term)

Early Years: Nursery and Reception Regulation items for PE

Girls

White polo shirt
White shorts
White socks

Boys

White polo shirt
White shorts
Grey/black socks

KS1: Year 1 and Year 2 Regulation Items

Girls

Grey pinafore worn with red v-neck cardigan with school name, and white blouse
Grey tailored skirt just above the knee, no more than 8cm, no splits or decorations; or grey tailored trousers.
White formal collared shirt
School tie - tied to cover fastened top button of collared shirt
Red v-neck jumper with the school name
Plain white socks or black tights. No decoration
Plain black formal shoes with no heel

Boys

Formal grey tailored trousers
Formal white collared shirt
School tie - tied to cover fastened top button of collared shirt
Red v-neck jumper with the school name
Plain black or grey socks. No decoration.
Formal plain black shoes. Not black trainers or boots

KS1: Year 1 and Year 2 Optional Summer Wear

Girls

Red and white check summer dress (summer term)
White with red tipped polo shirt

Boys

Grey shorts (summer term)
White with red tipped polo shirt

KS1: Year 1 and Year 2 Regulation items for PE

Girls

Plain black cycling shorts
Rugby jersey, gold reversible with black band
White cellular polo style shirt with collar
Gold knee socks
White traditional ankle socks
Plain black hooded sweatshirt with PCPS logo
Black long sleeved thermal recommended for winter
Training shoes [no high tops] with non-marking, cushioned soles
Moulded boots or blades for the 3G pitch (no screw in studs)
Black track suit bottoms

Boys

Plain white shorts
Rugby jersey, gold reversible with black band
White cellular polo shirt with collar
Gold knee socks
White short socks
Plain black hooded sweatshirt with PCPS logo
Black long sleeved thermal recommended for winter
Training shoes [no high tops] with non-marking, cushioned soles
Moulded boots or blades for the 3G pitch (no screw in studs)
Black track suit bottoms

Gum shield for hockey and rugby. Shin pads for hockey, rugby and football. The school does not accept responsibility for accidents and injuries if children do not wear these protective accessories.

KS2: Years 3-6 Regulation Items

Girls

Grey tailored skirt just above the knee, no more than 8cm, no splits or decorations; or grey tailored trousers.
White formal collared shirt
School tie - tied to cover fastened top button of collared shirt
Red v-neck jumper with the school name
Plain white socks or black tights. No decoration
Plain black formal shoes with less than 2cm heels

Boys

Formal grey tailored trousers
Formal white collared shirt
School tie - tied to cover fastened top button of collared shirt
Red v-neck jumper with the school name
Plain black or grey socks. No decoration.
Formal plain black shoes. Not black trainers nor boots

KS2: Years 3-6 Optional Summer Wear

Girls

Red and white check summer dress
White with red tipped polo shirt

KS2: Years 3-6 Regulation items for PE

Girls

Plain black cycling shorts
Rugby jersey, gold reversible with black band
White cellular polo style shirt with collar
Gold knee socks Black for smaller feet
White traditional ankle socks
Plain black hooded sweatshirt with PCPS logo
Black long sleeved thermal recommended for winter
Training shoes [no high tops] with non-marking, cushioned soles
Moulded boots or blades for the 3G pitch (no screw in studs)
Black track suit bottoms

Boys

White with red tipped polo shirt

Boys

Plain white shorts
Rugby jersey, gold reversible with black band
White cellular polo shirt with collar
Gold knee socks. Black for smaller feet
White short socks
Plain black hooded sweatshirt with PCPS logo
Black long sleeved thermal recommended for winter
Training shoes [no high tops] with non-marking, cushioned soles
Moulded boots or blades for the 3G pitch (no screw in studs)
Black track suit bottoms

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Any child who represents a school team at sporting fixtures is eligible to order and purchase, from the school office, a personalised PCPS hooded sweatshirt showing the school logo and pupil's initials.

Jewellery

Students may wear a watch but no other jewellery is permitted. If parents intend to arrange a piercing, this must only be done at the start of the summer holidays so that the wound has sufficient time to heal. In the interest of health, safety and personal welfare the Headteacher will review the situation with the parents in the best interests of the child.

Hair Styles

Hair styles must be neat, tidy and in a formal style. Parents should always consult, in advance, with the Headteacher if they are unsure as to the suitability of a change of style. No hair styling products, hair dye/colour are permitted. Long hair must be tied back at all times using plain accessories matching the natural hair colour or pupils may use plain, non metal accessories of the school colours: red, black, white or yellow. Other accessories such as clips and headbands, non metal, must also be plain in style and of the school colours. In the interest of consistent teaching and learning, the Headteacher will review the situation with the parents in the best interests of the child.

Makeup

Make-up, fake tan and nail varnish are not permitted.

Mobile Phones

No mobile phones, MP3 players, 'iTechnology' and similar portable accessories are permitted in school.

Non Uniform Days

Parents and pupils must be aware of that particular day's timetable i.e. PE, Science, Technology and adapt accordingly the non uniform attire to what is appropriate.

Financial Hardship

In cases of financial hardship parents can appeal to the headteacher for support. Such cases will be treated with due sensitivity and in confidence.

PCPS strategy to support pupils:

- Pupils will be reminded regularly of the pupil dress code;
- If a pupil has difficulty in meeting the policy on any day, they must bring a note from home explaining the difficulty;
- Any pupil attending school not adhering to the school dress code and without a note from home, will be spoken to at school by a member of staff and parents notified via the school diary which the parent/carer is expected to sign;
- Parents will be contacted by letter or phone to discuss persistent breaches of the school dress code and a solution focussed meeting will be arranged.

PCPS strategy to support parents:

- Parents will receive a copy of the pupil dress code annually;
- Any parent who has difficulty in supporting this policy should write to the school and a solution focussed meeting will be arranged.
- Parents are informed that if pupils disregard this policy they may be isolated from other pupils until they comply with the regulation.

In general it would not be our policy to exclude a child solely on the basis of his/her dress but persistent refusal to follow our agreed dress code would be deemed a serious challenge to the school and be detrimental to the well being of our school community. Failure to follow the dress code may also form part of a pattern of persistent defiant behaviour and will be dealt with through the school's Behaviour and Discipline Policy. If a pupil's appearance is likely to disrupt the learning, conduct or safety of other pupils that pupil may be removed from their class until the matter has been resolved. In such circumstances, the pupil will be internally excluded up to a day and a half following the school's Discipline Chain, which could lead the headteacher to use the Local Authority exclusion policy. Every effort will be made to contact a parent/carer of the child immediately and explain the reason for the exclusion. At this time the parents/carers may be requested to collect their child from school until they comply with the regulation. This policy has been adopted to support parents/carers in making decisions regarding appropriate dress and therefore any breach may result in school discipline procedures.