



Uniform Policy

This policy was approved and adopted by
the Local Academy Board
on 17th July 2023

It will be reviewed in Summer 2025



1. POLICY AND PURPOSE

At Crawley Ridge we believe that a uniform gives each child a sense of belonging so they feel part of the school. Our uniform

- is practical for young children
- is easy to put on and remove (important for independence)
- gives options within the uniform code
- is good value and easy to purchase locally/on-line
- helps lessen the impact of socioeconomic differences
- identifies pupils as belonging to a local school

2. PRINCIPLES & PROCEDURES

Human Rights, Equality and Discrimination Considerations

We recognise that some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code, or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner. The school must balance the rights of individual pupils against the best interests of the school community as a whole.

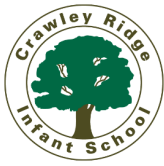
We take into account the guidance contained in the DfE Guidance on School Uniforms (updated 2nd June 2023).

Complaints and Challenges to School Uniform Policy

Disputes about school uniform should be resolved locally and should be pursued in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Where a specific supplier is named by the school, the supplier is required to have an agreed procedure to deal with parental complaints about the supply and quality of uniform.

The school is willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility in the uniform policy for an individual pupil, for example a medical need.



Changes to Uniform Policy in Extreme Weather Conditions

There may be circumstances where the wearing of all, or part of the uniform may be uncomfortable for some children. One example of this is in extremely hot or cold weather. For example, children may wear boots to school and change into school shoes on arrival. It is expected that in KS1 children would be able to change independently. Children with medical or SEND needs will always be supported.

Changes to uniform may be agreed by the Headteacher or the Senior Leadership Team. However this adaptation must endeavour to respect the general principles specified throughout this policy.

Changes to Uniform Policy for Educational School Visits and Special/Celebration Days

As a general rule, school uniform should be worn for visits to enable easy identification of pupils. However, modification to uniform may be made if deemed appropriate by the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Accessories

We ask parents not to allow their child to wear accessories such as jewellery, nail varnish, transfers, etc in school. Accessories are a distraction in the learning environment and can cause a hazard. No child may take part in PE wearing jewellery. The only exception would be religious bangles that cannot be removed and these must be covered with a 'sweatband' during PE sessions. Where possible items of religious significance should be removed for PE. If a child has pierced earrings, they must be able to remove these items themselves as staff are not permitted to do this.

Hair

Pupils may wear a simple hair band or an elasticated hair-tie and long hair should be tied back appropriately. No extreme haircuts will be permitted, e.g. no markings or tramlines should be cut into the hair.

Financial Considerations

Cost and good value for money for parents is a high priority in the consideration of the school uniform list. The school uniform is easily available for parents to purchase and items with logos are kept to a reasonable level and are not on the more expensive, outdoor items.

A local stockist holds all items including those with the school logo. However, many of the items may be purchased at other retailers such as major supermarkets.



The school encourages pupils to donate items of uniform to the Nearly New Uniform Shop when they are no longer required, so there is a supply of uniform that can be purchased at a very reasonable price if needed.

Where parents and/or guardians have concerns about the affordability of uniform the School Fund may be used to purchase this at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Nearly New Uniform

Crawley Ridge Infant School Association (PTA) holds a selection of Nearly New Uniform at very reasonable prices. Order forms are available from the School Office.

Major Changes in Uniform

Parents will be consulted before any major changes are made to the Uniform and reasonable notice given to introduce any major changes.

3. MONITORING EVALUATION & REVIEW

This policy is reviewed by the Local Academy Board on a 2-yearly cycle.



Appendix

Uniform List

Coat with hood and hanging loop
Dark brown pinafore or skirt
Grey trousers or shorts
Lemon yellow polo shirt **with school logo**
Brown sweatshirt or cardigan **with school logo**
Grey or white socks
Brown tights
Black school shoes with good grip and no gimmicks (lights, toys, etc)
Lemon yellow summer dress with white stripes/gingham or checks and/or Skort/Jumpsuit in the same design

Green book bag **with school logo**
Water bottle **with school logo**
Yellow sun hat (legionnaire or baseball style hats are available from Brenda's)

Green PE shorts
Brown joggers
Lemon yellow round neck t-shirt **with school logo**
Trainers and a pair of socks for those wearing tights

Reception only (not required in Years 1 and 2)
Wellies

Optional extras
Brown fleece **with school logo**
Green PE bag **with school logo**

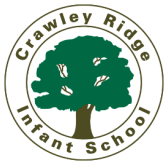
Brenda's Schoolwear

All items of uniform including those with our school logo are available from Brenda's Schoolwear

A: 130 Frimley Road, Camberley GU15 2QN
T: 01276 818424
W: brendas.co.uk/collections/crawley-ridge-infants

Spares

It would be helpful if you could place an additional pair of white/grey socks (or brown tights) and pants in a named plastic bag to be kept in school that might be used as spares in case of accident.



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Footwear

A sensible school shoe, preferably with Velcro fastening, is required for daily use. Please ensure that shoes do not have platforms/heels. Please note for safety reasons that children wearing open-toed sandals are not allowed to use the apparatus at playtime.

Label everything!

Please ensure all clothing, footwear and other equipment is clearly marked with your child's name. Name tags and labels are available from Brenda's and other online retailers.

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