

Robert Arkenstall Primary School

Uniform Code

It is the aim of Robert Arkenstall Primary School to provide a broad curriculum and education of the highest quality within a happy, safe, secure and stimulating environment, which enables each child to experience success; to equip them with skills as thoughtful, caring and active citizens eager to explore the possibilities of the world.

pursue possibilities; love learning

This policy is published on the School website, stored on the Shared Drive and is available on request from the school office

Governor Committee	Full Governing Body
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Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Our uniform at Robert Arkenstall is designed for comfort and practicality. Whilst recognising each child's uniqueness, school uniform allows every child to feel part of our community and reduces peer pressure around body image and body consciousness and around economic disparity.

PLEASE NOTE: EACH TERM WE HAVE A LOT OF UN-NAMED LOST PROPERTY. ENSURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS ARE NAMED, INCLUDING FOOTWEAR, WATER BOTTLE AND SNACK POT.

Our school uniform permits the following:

Clothes

- A white shirt, red or white polo shirt – plain or with school logo
- A red jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece – plain or with school logo
- Black or grey trousers, long shorts, skirt or pinafore (no denim)
- A sunhat for hot days
- Coat for cool or wet days (children are expected to go outside for learning activities and play throughout the year) Coats should have a hanging loop to ensure they stay on the pegs. Hoods are not reliable and cloakrooms with clothes on the floor are a trip hazard
- Wellies to be kept in school for rainy days, muddy kitchen and woodland learning

Shoes

- Black shoes suitable for outdoor play. Children who wear high-heeled shoes or open toed sandals to school will be asked to change into their PE shoes to avoid accidents in the class or playground.
Please note: Only allow your child to wear lace up shoes if they are able to tie their own shoe laces.

PE Clothes

- Black shorts or plain black cycling shorts
- Plain cotton red or white T-shirt for indoor activities
- Jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor activities
- Plain hoodie or sweatshirt for outdoor activities (no football or team branded shirts)
- Trainers for outdoor activities
- Spare underwear and socks if your child needs to change

Equipment

School branded equipment is available as follows:

- Book Bag with shoulder strap * to hold reading book, reading record and snack pot
- Drawstring PE Bag *

***Book Bags and PE bags are available to buy from the school office**

Other equipment brought from home should meet the principles of this code

- Lunch Box (if required) to be carried separately and clearly named suitable size to fit class trolleys
- Water bottle to be carried separately and suitable size to fit class storage boxes
- Fruit or vegetable snack in slim line snack pot (to fit into Book Bag)

It is essential that children can manage their school equipment independently. The book bag, water bottle and snack pot are kept in classrooms during the day. Lunch boxes are stored on a trolley outside of the classroom. To comply with our Health & Safety risk assessment the cloakrooms can ONLY accommodate coats and PE bags. **No rucksacks are allowed in KS1 or LKS2.**

Hair, Accessories and Hats

- Hair is expected to be dressed neatly and appropriately for school
- For health and hygiene reasons, long hair should be tied back
- Hair accessories should be practical and conform to school colours (neutral, white, grey, black or red). This does not include head scarves / bandanas which may only be worn for verifiable religious or medical purposes
- A wide brimmed sun hat / sports cap is actively encouraged for sunny weather and outdoor PE

It is important to recognise that school does not want to add to fashion peer pressure which can distract from learning and lead to feelings of disadvantage compared to their peers

We do not recommend:

- Nail varnish/False nails
- Make up
- Dyed hair, hair extensions or braids
- Tattoos, transfers or similar (henna tattoos are acceptable if worn for religious events or celebrations)

Jewellery & watches

For reasons of Health & Safety we follow Local Authority guidance in relation to the wearing of jewellery.

- Children should not wear jewellery to school other than one pair of plain stud earrings or small sleepers. Earrings must be removed by the child for PE and should be stored safely (a named, lidded container works well).
- If children cannot remove their earrings independently, please don't wear them to school on PE days.
- If children have newly pierced ears then they can not participate in the PE activities. They will participate in the lesson with an alternative activity, until they are able to remove their earrings.
- We advise no earring if a child is participating in active sports at lunchtime.
- No earrings can be worn for swimming lessons.
- Our advice is if you are wanting to have your child's ears pierced then please do so at the beginning of the 6 weeks holidays.
- For health and hygiene reasons, school staff will NOT make personal contact with a pupil's ears or earrings.
- No other jewellery is permitted (unless for verifiable religious or health reasons).
- Watches should be named.

All items are the sole responsibility of the child. Unless for health reasons with school permission, we do not recommend children wear smart devices, e.g fitbit or smart watches.

No items of equipment or clothing brought to school should be:
fashion branded in a conspicuous way
regarded as expensive by most parents
too large for convenient storage at school

Fashion labels with large branding logos visible. eg nike across a hoodie

Children should wear school uniform when in school during normal curriculum time and on most school trips (parents will be contacted in advance about appropriate clothing depending on the nature of the trip). On non-uniform days e.g. charity days, children will be advised of appropriate themes and ideas but no family should feel obliged to buy expensive costumes.

This code is based on the belief that school uniform and equipment:

- instils a sense of pride in the school;
- gives a sense of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies children with the school;
- is not distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents; and
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Ordering School Uniform

Uniform bearing the school logo can be purchased through our approved supplier Gooddies Ltd www.gooddies.co.uk

Fleeces, Book Bags and PE bags are available to buy from the school office. Please purchase on your 'Mychildatschool' account.

FORAS sell second-hand uniform throughout the year. Any donations of good quality uniform will be gratefully received.