



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

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.

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 and a coat for cool or wet days (children are expected to go outside for learning activities and play throughout the year)
- Wellies to be kept in school for rainy days, muddy kitchen and woodland learning

Fashion styles and fashion clothing are not appropriate e.g. tight fitting fashion items like skinny jeans or leggings with very short shorts.

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.

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

We do not recommend:

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

*** It is important to recognise that school does not want to add to fashion peer pressure which can distract from learning ***

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

- Book Bag with shoulder strap * to hold reading book, reading record and snack pot
- Drawstring PE Bag *
- Lunch Box (if required) to be carried separately
- Water bottle to be carried separately
- Fruit or vegetable snack in slim line snack pot (to fit into Book Bag)

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

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.**

Jewellery & watches

For reasons of Health & Safety we follow LA guidelines:

- Only one pair of small plain stud earrings is permitted. Earrings must be removed by the child for PE and should be stored safely (a named, lidded container works well). **We do not recommend you have your child's ears pierced during the school year**, given it may take at least 6 weeks for piercings to heal.
- Recently pierced ears may be covered with medical tape, which must be provided and applied by the child. If a child is unable to remove earrings then these must be removed at home on PE days. **However, earrings and tape are not permitted for swimming.**
- 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.

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:

- instills 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 (as fashion items can be);
- 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

Book Bags and PE bags are available to buy from the school office. Please email office@robertarkenstall.co.uk to order.

We have a limited supply of uniform available to buy from school.

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