



Uniform Policy

This is a model policy for all Vine Schools that has been reviewed and local arrangements added by this School.

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**I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you
will bear much fruit**

JOHN 15:5

Vision & Values

Vine
+ Diocese of Chelmsford
Vine Schools Trust

Empowering all to flourish

Developing faith, rooted in God's love

Playing our part in community

Delivering an ambitious curriculum

Celebrating uniqueness

Vision & Values

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Like branches on the vine and members of one family, we all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.

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1. Introduction

when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

2. Aims

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief 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;
- is considered good value for money by most parents/carers

3. Jewellery, Hair and Make-up

3.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

3.2 Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue, grey or black. Extreme hairstyles and colours are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair.

3.3 Children may wear watches to school. Analogue watches are recommended, as the design of these supports learning about time better than watches with digital displays. Children may wear 'fitness' watches that measure steps and such like. Children may not wear any watch that has the capacity to do the following:

- connect to the internet or mobile phone,
- record audio,
- record still and/or moving images.
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Children are not permitted to wear any watches or jewellery if, in the school's judgement, they detract from good behaviour and/or good learning or if it causes distraction or causes a concern to the health and safety of the child or other individuals.

3.4 Children are not permitted to wear make-up to school

3.5 Children are not permitted to wear fake nails or nail polish to school

4. Footwear

4.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black footwear. Sandals and boots/shoes with a heel are not appropriate for school and are not part of our uniform policy.

5. School Uniform List

Our school uniform is Ocean Blue. Items that are marked with a * below, have the school logo on and are sold at www.yourschoolwear.co.uk

5.1 School uniform for all pupils

- White button up long or short sleeved shirt
- Tie (clip on)
- Ocean blue school V-neck sweatshirt * or cardigan* (with logo)
- Tailored grey trousers or skirts – we do not permit jeans, skinny fit trousers or jogging bottoms Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor.

5.2 PE

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw string bag* in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

- Plain white T shirt or t-shirt with the school logo on
- Royal blue shorts
- Plimsolls (indoor)
- Trainers (outdoor)
- Plain black or blue tracksuit for outdoor PE

5.3 Summer

- Light blue gingham dress
- Grey tailored shorts/culottes.

5.4 Outdoors

- Outdoor coats should be plain and ideally dark coloured (black/grey/blue) and waterproof.
- All children participate in Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL) at break and lunch times. We endeavour to allow children outdoors in most weather conditions for this. Children need a waterproof raincoat and trousers or 'all in one' and a pair of wellington boots that can be kept in school all year round.

6. Role of Governors

6.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

7. The Role of Parents

7.1 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 do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item, if possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

8. Review

8.1 Next review Summer 2026