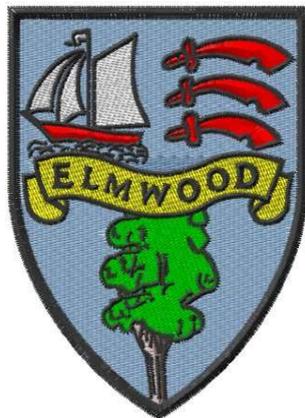


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Introduction and Responsibilities

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone.

Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning since it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos;
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- Is practical, smart, and safe;
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of children;
- Ensures children of all races and backgrounds feel welcome.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy they should make representation in the first instance to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

Please dress your child in the correct uniform at all times. Your co-operation in this respect would be much appreciated. Warning letters will be issued if your child is not in the correct uniform. The school reserve the right to ask you to collect your child if they are persistently not in correct uniform. FOES provide pre-loved uniform for a small donation.

The Role of Governors and the Headteacher

The Governing Board sets the uniform policy and supports the Headteacher in implementing the 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 Governing Board's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform policy meets all government advice concerning equal opportunities, promoting good

behaviour, and obtaining best value for parents. The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

The Required Uniform

Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Autumn and Winter

	Girls	Boys
Shirt/Blouse	White shirt / blouse with top button White Polo Shirts in Reception Only	
Tie	Red tie. Elasticated for Years 1 and 2, not required in Reception. Available from Patricia's	
Trousers/skirt	Light to mid-grey (not black) skirt, tunic or school trousers. No culottes or cropped trousers.	Light to mid-grey (not black) trousers.
Top layer	Red Elmwood cardigan or sweatshirt, or plain red V-neck jumper.	
Socks	Ankle or knee length white or grey socks or red or grey tights.	Ankle or knee length black or grey socks.
Shoes	Flat black shoes. No trainers.	

Summer

Summer uniform can be worn from after Easter until the October half term only. Expectations for summer uniform are the same as for Autumn/Winter, other than the following optional alternatives:

	Girls	Boys
Shirt / Dress	Full red gingham dress (not culottes)	Red gingham short-sleeved shirt
Tie	Tie not required with the above items only. Tie still to be worn with a white shirt.	
Shorts / Trousers	Light to mid-grey tailored shorts or trousers	

Ties must still be worn with a white shirt or blouse in summer. On particularly warm days the Headteacher may allow ties to be removed if deemed appropriate according to the weather conditions.

P.E. Uniform

Please provide a named PE bag for kit. You may find the Elmwood PE bag useful which can be purchased from Patricia's.

Top	Elmwood tee-shirt, available from Patricia's
Shorts	Red, as available from Patricia's In Winter, plain tracksuit or jogging bottoms in grey, black or red (not required in Reception).
Socks	As per main uniform. Bring extra socks if tights are worn.
Shoes	Black or white plimsolls. Trainers- for outdoor games only (not required in Reception).

Other Items

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will require an Elmwood book bag, available from Patricia's. Junior children will need an overall for Art and Craft. An old shirt with elasticated sleeves is ideal.

It would be really useful if children in the Reception class could keep a pair of wellington boots at school during the colder/wetter months. Please make sure they are named and provide a named carrier bag to keep them together.

Appearance and Accessories

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school; this includes all earrings. The single exception to this rule is a plain watch to support children learning to tell the time.

We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears to get them pierced at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed from the start of the new term. Where this is not possible we ask the children to cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury until the earrings are able to be removed.

Nail varnish is not allowed to be worn in school.

Hair

All children are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair must be tied up in PE. We request that children wear a swimming cap or tie long hair up for swimming. Decorative head-scarves and beaded hair accessories are not part

of the Elmwood school uniform. Small, plain hair accessories only are allowed and should be white, red or grey.

Extreme hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn. These include:

- Patterns or letters cut into the hair;
- Hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere;
- Hair with excessive amounts of hair gel or hairspray.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not allowed mobile phones while at school. Pupils in year 5 and 6 only may bring phones to school, but these must be left in the School Office during the day.

Food and Drink

Fizzy drinks, sweets, chewing gum and products containing nuts are not allowed in school. Pupils are encouraged to bring a bottle of water, but glass bottles are not allowed.

Trading Cards

Trading cards are allowed, but cards must not be swapped or given out otherwise these may be banned.

Other Items

Pupils are not allowed to bring iPods, tablets or other electronic devices to school. Knives or other dangerous items are not allowed.

Responsibility

Please be aware that all items that are brought into the school are the children's responsibility. The school cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged of any items.

Purchasing Uniform

Parents and guardians are free to purchase most uniform items from a shop of their choice, provided that they match the uniform policy. Some items however are only available from a single source, although not all of these are compulsory.

Items Only Available from a Single Source

The following items are only available from a single source to ensure consistent colour and style. Regular checks are made to ensure these suppliers offer best value.

Item	Compulsory?	Supplier
Tie	Yes (not reception)	Patricia's
P.E. Shorts	Yes	Patricia's
P.E. Tee-Shirt	Yes	Patricia's
Elmwood book bag	Yes for Reception Y1, Y2	Patricia's
Elmwood sweatshirt	No	Patricia's
Elmwood cardigan	No	Patricia's

Obtaining Single Source Items

Patricia's

Patricia's is in Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers. They stock Elmwood badged items, as well as general uniform, including gingham shirts. Items may have to be ordered in advance during busy periods.

FOES

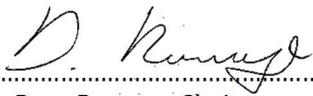
Items sold through FOES (the Elmwood PTA) can be purchased from the FOES website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/elmwood

FOES run occasional uniform shops in school where 'pre-loved' uniform can be purchased for a small donation. FOES also sell a limited number of gingham shirts. Details are given in the school newsletter when these are available on a first come, first served basis.

Policy Review and Adoption

This policy was reviewed and adopted by the Governing Board on *17th January, 2017*

Signed .....For the Governing Body
Dave Ramage, Chair

Signed .....Head teacher
Mrs. H Shaw