



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

At Pitcheroak School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours.

Our school uniform can be bought from Orchard School wear in Redditch.

https://www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk/schools/Pitcheroak_School_B97_6PQ/

We believe that a school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- It looks smart
- Wears well
- Contributes to a sense of belonging and community
- Gives a common purpose
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Fosters a sense of pride
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class

We ask that all children wear the uniform.

The uniform is designed to be practical and good value for money.

Parents are asked to ensure that all items are labelled clearly with their child's name.

For safety reasons we ask that the children do not wear jewellery in school.

For health and safety reasons it is important that children are properly dressed for physical activity. PE kit should be kept in a named drawstring bag.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either dark green, brown or black to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

For many reasons, including safety, 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 P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles 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 or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

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 shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

Some pupils may spend time outdoors, therefore it is important to have a named pair of wellies which can be used for various outdoor activities. The Class teacher will advise if your child needs to have a pair of wellies.

Uniform List for pupils Reception to Year 11

The school uniform at Pitcheroak School consists of:

- Dark green v-necked jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan with or without embroidered school logo
- Plain white/green shirt or polo shirt with or without embroidered school logo
- Grey/black shorts or trousers
- Grey pinafores or skirts
- Plain white, black or dark green knee socks or plain white, black or dark green tights
- Dark ankle socks with trousers.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. Some pupils choose to wear shorts underneath to allow for this.

Uniform List for Sixth Form Students

Smart casual trousers or skirts – no blue jeans.

Young men - Shirt (with or without a tie), tee shirt or polo shirt – any colour – no offensive logos.

Young ladies - Blouse, polo shirt or tee shirt – any colour – no offensive logos – no strappy, sleeveless tops.

Casual jacket – suitable for the weather of the day!

Shoes are preferable but black trainers are also an option.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes, socks and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and ideally a draw-string bag in which to keep their kit at school. PE kit and PE bags may be bought from the Orchard Schoolwear shop.

All P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing so please help us by naming everything.

P.E. Uniform is:

- White ankle socks (separate from those worn with school uniform)
- Black shorts (NOT cycling shorts)
- A pair of plimsolls/trainers or pumps – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children for indoor P.E. in the hall
- Grey or black jogging bottoms and plain green sweatshirt for outdoor lessons in cold weather

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.