

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School



An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7

NON-STATUTORY POLICY

School Uniform Policy

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Pre-amble: School Vision, Ethos and Values

Dr Walker's is a mixed Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School in Fyfield, Ongar, Essex.

We support all pupils to succeed in reaching their God given potential at Dr Walker's – 'An Exceptional Place to Flourish', by developing

- **Belief** in self and the development of confidence, respect and trust for others and an appreciation of spirituality and an understanding of faith in God;
- **Engagement** in a love for learning by nurturing curiosity and independence; and
- **Excellence** in reaching personal goals by demonstrating resilience and positive behaviour.

Our **CHRISTIAN VALUES** are reflected in:

- Standing with **COURAGE** for what is right.
- Using **CREATIVITY** in problem solving and making life beautiful.
- Treating every person and everything with **RESPECT**.
- Having **COMPASSION** for others.
- Completing every task with **PERSEVERANCE**.
- Taking **RESPONSIBILITY** for ourselves.
- Living with **HOPE** for a better future.

At Dr Walker's we provide every pupil with the care and support they need to develop as individuals and become educated and successful British Citizens who understand the importance of the following British values:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect and**
- **Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.**

Introduction

- Uniform is a representation of our high expectations within the school, and it helps to maintain the pride we feel for our school.
- As well as being practical and smart, we believe that a sensible uniform policy will reinforce a positive learning environment as well as promote a unified school spirit and inspire a sense of pride in Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School.
- It is our policy that all pupils wear uniform that complies with this policy when attending or representing our school in an organised event, either during or outside normal school hours.
- The uniform policy does not include any significant change(s) to the requirements of clothing items, but it does provide important clarifications of what is appropriate with regards to other items such as bags, shoes/trainers and jewellery etc.

The Role of Parents/Carers

- We expect all parents/carers who send their pupils to Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the school's uniform policy.
- Parents / carers are also expected to send their pupils to school in clothing that is clean, well-fitting, and well-presented.

School Uniform Suppliers

- Parents/carers may choose to purchase items of school uniform **with or without the school logo**. However, we do strongly encourage pupils to have at least one **purple jumper** and one **white P.E. polo shirt**, with the school logo in order that they can be easily identified as a member of our school at external events such as school trips or sports events.

- All uniform items can be sourced from multiple best value shops, and, for non-logo items, the school does not recognise or endorse a particular supplier.
- For parents / carers who do wish to purchase items with the school logo on them, our branded suppliers are:

• School Trends:	www.schooltrendsonline.com
• Ciel School Uniform:	www.cielschooluniform.co.uk/dr-walker-primary-school/

- Bags and ties can be purchased from the school office.

Pre-loved uniform items

- We support the use of pre-loved items, including clothing items which have the current version of the school logo on them.
- Good condition school uniform items that are no longer required can be donated to the school. These items will be available to purchase for a small amount in support of fund raising.

Brand Logos and Slogans

- Jumpers, shirts, polo shirts, T-shirts and blouses must not have visible named branded logos.
- **Logos on black shoes / black trainers / black ankle boots worn as part of our school uniform, must be in black.**
- Larger prominent logos and slogans are not permitted.

School Uniform items

- **White** shirt (not polo). Girls can wear a **white** blouse.
- **Grey** shorts or grey trousers.
- **Tartan skirt / checked kilt.**
- **Purple** and **white** summer checked dress/pinafore.
- School tie.
- **Purple** jumper.
- Plain **white** or **grey** socks.
- Plain **white** or **grey** tights.
- **Black** shoes / **black** trainers / **black** ankle boots with no heels style shoes (these should not have colour on them and be plain).
- A coat - plain colours and styles are encouraged. No denim coats allowed.
- School book bag or school dispatch bag – backpacks are discouraged, as they can be large.

Please note:

- Checked kilts available from school suppliers.
- There are no purple cardigans available from the school's suppliers.
- Elaborate sock frills/shirt frills are strongly discouraged.
- The school may supply **purple** tops with the school's name on for external events, such as school trips or sports events.

P.E Kit items (*Pupils are required to wear P.E. kits for the full day on P.E days – two days per week*).

- **White** or **black** polo shirt or **white** or **black** T-shirt.
- **Black** shorts (girls can also wear **black** skorts).
- **Black** jogging / tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

- **Black** sweatshirts/tracksuit top (hoodies are not allowed).
- Trainers (comfortable for full day of wear, protective for active feet and no lights or other distracting features or heelys).
- **Black** plimsolls (optional footwear, for indoor PE lessons only, as an alternative to bare feet).
- Plain drawstring bag.
- Pupils to wear appropriate swimming trunks / swimsuits and hair caps for swimming lessons.

Please note:

A message will be sent home if pupils are not wearing the correct P.E. kit.

P.E. Trainers

- To support parents/carers financially, we recognise the benefits of pupils having one pair of trainers for combined use at home and for school P.E. days.
- Therefore, we do not require P.E. trainers to be black or plain in design in the same way as shoes worn as part of school uniform.
- However, trainers must still be suitable for physical education so must be comfortable for full day wear, protective for active feet/use in games/sports and have no parts that could harm pupils/distract pupils from learning, such as lights.

Footwear explained

- We want our pupils' feet to be healthy, therefore, all pupils must wear well-fitting shoes with an appropriate low heel.
- Boots above the ankle are **NOT allowed**.
- On bad weather days if your child wears wellington/snow boots to school , they must remember to bring their school shoes to change into.

Bags

- All pupils will be required to have a school bag, brought to school each day.
- Due to limited storage space, we ask parents to purchase sensibly sized bags appropriate to the requirements for their child's school use.

Jewellery explained

- For health and safety reasons **we do not allow** pupils to wear jewellery to school, with an exception being made for:
 - simple watches that only tell time and do not distract the child/other pupils from their learning (apple watches are not allowed due to safeguarding); and
 - small earring studs in pierced ears.
- It is essential that pupils are able to remove any permitted item(s) of jewellery by themselves for P.E. lessons, to prevent any potential injuries from occurring. If earring studs cannot be removed by the pupil for P.E. they will not be able to participate in the lesson.
- Parents should also be aware that **temporary tattoos, nail varnish and make-up are not permitted** in school.

Hats & Caps

- These can be worn when outdoors, but we ask that they are suitable for the intended use and must not be of a design that could cause a safety issue or have prominent messages/slogans.

Hair

- Where hair is long enough to do so, for health and safety reasons, pupils are required to tie hair up with a plain hair band in keeping with the school colours.
- If wearing other required hair accessories, these should also be plain and in keeping with the school colours.
- Hair accessories with **large bows or decorations are not allowed.**

Headscarves/hijab

- These may be worn for religious reasons but must be plain and in keeping with the school colours.
- These must also be removed during P.E. lessons, unless the Headteacher has given permission following consultation with the parent/carer.

Aprons

- In order to ensure that pupils' school clothing is protected, we expect all pupils, across Year 1 to Year 6, to bring in an apron or old shirt for art/painting activities.
- This will be stored in the classroom between uses.
- Pupils in Reception class, will use School supplied aprons.

Lost Property

- **All items of clothing should be labelled** with your child's name, as the school cannot accept responsibility for any articles lost or damaged on the school premises.
- Lost and found items will be placed in a collection container. (*Please enquire at the main office of the location of the lost property container.*)
- Any items still in the lost property container at the end of half-term, will be washed and added to the pre-loved clothing.