



Tittensor CE (VC) First School



School Uniform Policy

It is our policy that children should wear uniform when attending Tittensor CE (VC) First School. The Governing Board agrees with the DfE which states that 'school uniform plays a valuable part in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting the appropriate tone'.

The DfE also states that uniform:

- Encourages identity and support for the school ethos.
- Ensures that pupils from all races and backgrounds feel welcome.
- Nurtures cohesion and prompts good relations between pupils.

We are extremely proud of our very smart school uniform which children are happy and confident to wear and keen to maintain our high standards.

1. Policy Rationale

The Governing Board consider personal appearance to be very important to help create the purposeful learning atmosphere we have at Tittensor and the sense of pride and belonging to a family that is central to our ethos. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and cultures. It is the responsibility of all parents/carers to ensure that their child arrives at school in accordance to the School Uniform Policy. Should an item of clothing prove problematic for any pupil, then parents/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

The Governing Board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers representations from parents/carers regarding this policy and takes into account equal opportunities. The governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children dress sensibly and safely in clothing that is hardwearing, good value, safe and practical.

2. Parent/Carers

We expect parent/carers to send their children to our school to support our uniform policy. We believe that parent/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for daily school work. Parents/Carers should ensure their child has the correct school uniform, appropriate for the weather conditions and it is clean, named and in good repair. We have a smart but simple uniform that we encourage all pupils to wear.

This is a red sweatshirt or cardigan, a white polo shirt or white shirt and grey trousers or skirt, or a red and white checked school dress. **Please ensure your child's entire uniform is clearly labelled.**

School uniform, including sweatshirts, fleeces, polo shirts and PE t-shirts can be bought from any supermarket including Tesco and Asda at affordable prices. Uniform with the school logo on and book bags/PE bags are sold at cost and can be purchased from Schools In Uniform: Meir: 01782 310111, Stone: 01785 286700 , Email: sales@schoolsuniform.co.uk These branded items are not compulsory - it is parental choice. If any parents need support with the purchase of school uniform, it is important that they contact the school. We are here to help.

Every child, on entrance to the reception class will be given a branded Tittensor First book bag.

- All items of uniform should be clearly named.
- Children are asked to wear sensible black shoes - not trainers please.
- Jewellery, other than watches, is not permitted and studs or sleepers only are to be worn in pierced ears

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- The children are not allowed to wear trainers, boots, denims, as these items do not comply with our uniform policy.

3. PE Kit

It is important for pupils to wear correct clothing for physical activities.

For PE children require a red t-shirt and black shorts. For games activities outside, children need a red t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Track suits, preferably red fleeces, may be worn for games during winter months. **Please ensure your child's entire uniform is clearly labelled.**

Jewellery must not be worn for sporting activities and long hair should be tied back.

4. Jewellery – Children need to be free of jewellery (including necklaces/chains and earrings).

For health and safety reasons we do not allow any jewellery for PE and swimming and ask that children do not wear it for school. No bracelets or wrist bands are allowed. Children may wear a watch (not a smart watch), however the school does not accept responsibility for any valuables bought to school. If your child does wear earrings they must be stud only and children must be able to remove them themselves in order to take part in PE lessons. All children legally have to take part in PE lessons. We encourage children to leave jewellery at home on PE days, therefore if your child is unable to remove their earrings by themselves you will be expected to come to school to do it for them in time for PE lesson.

5. Make up/Nails

Children must not wear makeup or have their nails painted. At Tittensor we want all pupils to look smart and to take pride in their appearance. The school discourages the wearing of skin transfers/ temporary tattoos during school hours.

6. Footwear

It is dangerous for children to wear shoes with heels or platforms so we do not allow these in school. Neither do we allow children to wear any kind of boots or trainers. Trainers are appropriate footwear for sport, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. School shoes must be dark in colour with no flashes or coloured sections. In winter it is good practice to walk to school in boots or wellingtons and change into school shoes on arrival and time is given for children to do this.

7. Hair Colour / Styles

Whilst hair styles are a matter for personal taste, certain hairstyles of a more extreme nature can be a distraction to the pupil involved and other children in the school. So, the school does not permit children to have a haircut that could serve as a distraction to themselves or other children. All children, both girls and boys, must tie their hair back for all lessons when it is long enough.

- Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions including dyed or streaked hair, patterned styles with words/lines, pictures or logos shaved in or styles such as Mohicans, etc.
- Small black or red hair accessories are permitted, headbands in school colours are welcome.
- Make up and nail varnish are also not allowed.
- Natural hair colours only. If you are unsure whether a hairstyle is appropriate for school, please ask the Headteacher before having it done.

8. Pre-loved/Recycled Uniform

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Tittensor sometimes offers some pre-loved/recycled uniform for families that are needing extra support financially. If any family feels that they are unable to buy any uniform items, please speak to the office staff who will support families discretely.