

Dear Parents and Carers

We have noticed that a small minority of students are not complying with our very high expectations in terms of our school's uniform and it would be greatly appreciated if you would support us by ensuring your child adheres to the school's uniform policy and Home School agreement, (which clarifies what our school is trying to achieve and sets out the role of the school, parents and pupils in this vital partnership).

We have consulted with parents and students and are communicating changes with an explanatory letter below. As you will note, our choice of summer dress is readily available at Marks and Spencer. Currently, they have a 20% offer on school uniform via their website, ending on Tuesday 3 July 2018.

The Uniform of Hever Church of England Aided Primary School

Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours. The uniform is part of our school ethos and the Aims and Objectives of Our Uniform Policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Underpins our belief that everyone who works in our school, both children and adults, should look neat and smartly dressed and take a pride in their appearance.
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Ensures and maintains safeguarding of all pupils on school trips in that it makes pupils easily identifiable.
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- And that we are very proud of our community at Hever Primary School and want all our students to show that they are too, by wearing our uniform with joy.

Winter Uniform must be worn from the day of our Harvest Festival Service however may also be worn before this date.

Summer Uniform must be worn after the Easter Holidays.

Winter Uniform Boys

School logo V-neck jumper*

A plain white traditional long or short-sleeved shirt (not polo) with standard collar and white buttons.
Winter Shirts must be buttoned to the neck and tucked into trousers at all times

School tie*

Long grey 'school' trousers

Navy or dark grey plain socks

School coat with logo (optional) or plain dark coat

School logo woolly hat (optional)

Black or navy conventional school shoes

Trainers are not to be worn in school

Summer Uniform Boys

School logo V-neck jumper*

Navy/white checked shirt* (worn without school tie and top button unfastened and tucked into trousers at all times)

Long or short grey 'school' trousers

Navy or dark grey plain socks

School coat with logo (optional) or plain dark coat

Black or navy conventional school shoes

School sunhat (optional)

Winter Uniform Girls

School logo V-neck jumper/cardigan*

A plain white traditional long or short-sleeved shirt (not polo) with standard collar and white buttons.
Winter Shirts must be buttoned to the neck and tucked into at all times

School tie*

Grey skirt to the knee or pinafore to the knee

Navy plain tights, plain navy or white socks

School coat with logo (optional) or plain dark coat

School logo woolly hat (optional)

Black or navy school shoes

Summer Uniform Girls

School logo V-neck jumper/cardigan*

M&S Navy blue and white gingham cotton classic summer dress, (cycling shorts are not part of the school uniform and therefore are not required under dresses).



Plain navy or white socks
School logo coat (optional) or plain dark coat
Black or navy school shoes
School sunhat (optional)

For all children:

Hever School Blazer (Desirable but not compulsory)

The Hever School blazer with a pre-embroidered school logo, (available only from our school supplier) is to be worn to and from school throughout the year, during worships and school events. School pin badges can be worn on the left blazer lapel.

For all children:

Compulsory PE Kit

Navy PE T-shirt with red shoulder fleck*
Navy shorts or Navy Skorts*
Red and blue hooped socks KS2*
Plain navy socks for KS1 and EYFS, however red and blue hooped socks are compulsory for outdoor winter sports*
Black plimsolls
Navy tracksuit bottoms or plain navy leggings
Hooded pullover with logo*
Trainers for outdoor use
Old clothes/trainers for muddy PE

For all children:

School Bags

All children require a suitable navy waterproof rucksack or bag large enough to take A4 folders and a range of books and equipment should be purchased. Bags should not carry overt brand logos such as football teams etc. Small logos are of course acceptable and carried on most bags (available from the High Street). Suitable bags are available from the school's on-line suppliers should you wish to purchase.

PE drawstring bags (with school logo) are compulsory and can be purchased from the office

Bookbag with school logo - compulsory for years R, 1 and 2

Waterproof coat and wellies (**Year R**)

Hi-viz jacket with school logo - **compulsory for all years**

For KS2 children:

Swimming: Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume. Boys must wear trunks or 'short' swimming shorts (not baggy Bermuda type shorts).

School logo swimming hats are compulsory will be loaned during swimming lessons. Children need to bring their own swimming goggles.

Suppliers

Items marked* are available from Philip Manns and are **compulsory**.

All other items, apart from those indicated for purchase from the school, are available either from Philip Manns, The Broadway, Crowborough, Kent, TN6 1DA or any of the main chain stores – eg John Lewis, Next, M&S.

Marking

All uniform should be clearly named either by name tape or indelible marking pen.

Hair

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. All children, girls and boys, are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough. Navy or white plain headbands and simple navy or white hair accessories that are in line with the school uniform are desirable.

Make-up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed without trace. A child coming to school with fake tattoos will be asked to remove them.

Jewellery

In the interests of health & safety and security, children should not wear **any** jewellery, with the exception of a wrist watch. **Earrings are not permitted in school.**

Non-compliance with the School and P.E Uniform Policy

If a child breaches the school uniform or P.E uniform policy, the teaching team will discreetly talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and to remind them of the need to wear one. If a child breaches this again a reminder letter will be sent home to parents notifying them of this breach. If a child forgets their swimming kit, school will attempt to contact parents/ carers to bring a swimming kit to school immediately. Collective praise for wearing uniform as well as reminders of the need to do so, will also be given to classes within assemblies. The Head teacher may feel the need to contact parents / carers to bring some suitable uniform to school immediately. As an alternative to this, a supply of spare uniform will be kept in school and children may be asked to change into this.

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school or P.E uniform (lost or damaged) then we ask parents to contact us on the day to confirm the reason. We also understand that girls may choose to wear the boys' style uniform and we would support this decision.

Persistent non-compliance:

The Head teacher may contact the parent directly to discuss this matter. Hever Primary School expects all pupils and parents to conform with this policy, but in the event of persistent breaches, we will work closely with the children/parents/carers to resolve the situation.

