



Uniform Policy

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We work together to nurture an inclusive family of hard-working, respectful individuals who have a lifelong love of learning.

“Life in all its fullness” (John 10:10)

Everything we do is rooted in our belief that all human beings are loved and cared for by God

Rationale

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. It also serves to foster a feeling of ‘belonging’ to the school. We want children to feel proud to be at Embsay School and to be part of its uniqueness. The wearing of a uniform ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds to feel welcome and protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; the children come to school prepared and with the right attitude for work.

You will be informed of any ‘non-uniform’ days. These will usually be linked to fund raising or charity events or special events in school such as Christmas parties.

Uniform is available from Skip to School in Skipton who provided uniform with Embsay School logo or supermarkets for uniform without logos. Preloved items can be purchased from our preloved PTA sale throughout the year.

Recommended school uniform is listed below:

Warm weather: Plain white T-shirt, shirt, or blouse. Plain grey trousers, shorts, pinafore dress or skirt, alternatively blue gingham-style summer dress.

Cold weather: As above plus plain royal blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt, fleece. Hoodies are not allowed as indoor uniform but may be used as part of outdoor PE kit.

Footwear should be black; trainers are allowed but should be plain black. Footwear should be closed toe.

School Bags

As space in cloakrooms is very limited, we ask that children in Reception and KS1 only bring a book bag to school. Embsay School book bags can be purchased from Skip to School. Keystage 2 children are allowed to bring a bag of their choice but this should be of a reasonable size.

PE Kit

On PE days children should come to school in their PE kit. Children should have blue or black shorts and a plain white T shirt. They will also require tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt /hoody (no logos) for outdoor PE lessons. Jeans, long shorts, football strip and other casual clothing should not be worn. Pumps/trainers are worn out of doors, but indoors they usually work with bare feet. Long hair should be tied back for all physical education activities. A swimming cap must be worn for swimming if a child has long hair.

Religion

If children wish to cover their head for religious or cultural observance they should wear a plain black, blue or white cotton scarf, which must be securely fastened.

Jewellery

Jewellery must not be worn except in the case of pierced ears. Following advice from the school’s Health and Safety Advisors, parents must follow the principles below:

Jewellery must not be worn except in the case of pierced ears when one earring in each ear is allowed and these must be studs. The wearing of multiple earrings in each ear is not allowed. There should be no other visible body piercing.

There are a number of risks associated with piercing including:

- Potential injury, due to inadvertent contact of the jewellery with other people, clothing, equipment, etc.
- The risks to health are entirely associated with the individual concerned, these being infection and blood borne diseases. If good personal hygiene practices are not adopted, the risk of ill-health to the individual concerned is significant.
- Risk of injury to others is greater in some aspects of the curriculum e.g. sports activities, adventure activities, drama, dance and physical activity in the playground.

The following principles will be applied for all pupils who have piercings:

- All piercings should be removed prior to PE, this includes swimming lessons.
- If the piercings cannot be removed, they will be covered with a plaster / tape.

If parents wish to have their child's ear pierced it is recommended that the piercing takes place at the start of the Summer holidays, so that the jewellery can be removed each playtime and before Physical Education lessons, without the problem of infection or healing over.

Parents are also reminded to remove nail varnish from their children's fingernails before arriving at school.

Hair: Children with long hair must tie their hair back during the school day. This is for safety and to help reduce the spread of head lice. Small hair accessories are allowed but children are responsible for these. Children should not have patterns cut into their hair.

All uniform and items brought to school must be labelled with your child's full name. Any unnamed items remaining in lost property at the end of each half term will be donated to the 'preloved' uniform sales or charity . Children are responsible for their own belongings.