

Uniform

Our agreed new uniform was implemented in September 2013. We have a new uniform for September 2013. The uniform was chosen by the children and our Parent Voice group.

We are very proud of our academy and request that children wear full uniform. Our uniform policy has been incredibly successful for a number of reasons:

- We have had far fewer thefts. I am sure that you share our view that teachers' time should be spent teaching and not playing policeman.
- All of the children look the same and this reduces anxiety over looking fashionable. Children are, therefore, able to concentrate on their learning. All available evidence supports the view that children achieve better where uniform is a requirement.
- In addition, when all of the children are wearing the same clothes, it is much easier to spot someone who shouldn't be there. As such, it is much easier to keep the children safe at playtime and while they are out on academy trips.

Uniform

- Red cardigan or jumper (available to buy from local stores eg Asda or to order from the academy office with the new Pennyman Primary Academy logo).
- Red or White shirt, blouse or polo shirt (available to buy from local stores eg Tesco or to order from the academy office with the new Pennyman Primary Academy logo).
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (no jogging bottoms or jeans).
- Plain ankle or knee-high socks or plain tights (please avoid bright colours).
- Red and white striped or checked summer dresses may be worn in the summer (between March and October).
- Black or grey shorts in summer for boys and girls. No cycling shorts, cut-offs, leggings or long, baggy Bermuda style shorts please.

Shoes

- Flat, plain black school shoes.
- Plain black trainers.
- Close fitting flat black ankle boots.
- Shoes prescribed as part of a medical condition.
- Many of our children have started to wear plimsolls in the academy. These can be purchased for less than £3 in many local shops.
- If children wish to play football on the field at breaktime/lunchtime they must bring a change of footwear. (plimsolls are not suitable for playtime on health and safety grounds).

- In the summer, children may wear flat supportive sandals with socks. Please ensure that they are suitable for the academy.

If children arrive at the academy not wearing uniform then the following procedure will apply:

Day 1 - Child given spare uniform, telephone call to parents/guardians.

Day 2 - Child given spare uniform, telephone call to parents/guardians.

Day 3 - Child given spare uniform, letter sent home to parents/guardians.

Day 5 - Child given spare uniform, verbal contact with parents/guardians to arrange a time to discuss compliance with policy.

If you are unsure please contact the academy before making a purchase; we are more than happy to help.

P.E. Kit

We encourage children to wear the Pennyman colours for PE however there is no policy which insists on this at the present time. All staff have a Pennyman PE kit which they wear as a model for the children. Following on from school uniform we will propose a policy for PE kit in summer 2014 in preparation for autumn 2015.



Currently all children need a change of clothing for PE lessons. This should consist of:

- shorts/jogging bottoms
- t-shirt
- Plimsolls
- Red/warm sweatshirt/jogging bottoms - for outdoor P.E. in cold weather
- One-piece swimsuit for girls (no bikinis) and trunks for boys (not baggy swim-shorts) plus a towel (no goggles)

All clothing should be labelled with the child's name.

Children who need to be excused from P.E. for medical reasons must bring in a letter signed by a parent/guardian.

Swimming Kit

When children go to the swimming baths they will need to take their appropriate bathing costume (see above) and a towel. These are best kept in a plastic carrier bag with the name and class of the child written on. Pupils with long hair (below the shoulder) will also need a band to tie up their hair.

Jewellery and Hairstyles

For safety and security reasons jewellery, other than a wristwatch should not be worn in the academy. If children have pierced ears, only studs should be worn at academy. Your child is responsible for removing and storing these items of jewellery during P.E. lessons. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the summer holidays when this will not interfere with P.E. lessons. Although we do not encourage it, stud earrings may be covered by plasters during PE as an alternative if necessary.

Hair should be appropriately styled for the academy, no mohicans, shaved heads or bright colours. Long hair should preferably be tied back.

NB: We do *not* accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage caused by or relating to, the wearing of jewellery.

Naming Clothes and Lost Property

Please help by ensuring that all property and items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.
