



Combe Martin School Uniform Expectations

It is our school expectation that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. Wearing school uniform creates a sense of belonging and pride and is an important aspect of being pupils at Combe Martin School and continually aspiring to excellence as standard.

School Uniform Requirements

We ask children to wear a school jumper or cardigan with a Combe Martin School Logo, their shirts tucked into their skirts, trousers or shorts and to take pride in their personal appearance. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed at the end of this document.

Jewellery, Watches, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish:

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings and if ears have been newly pierced, children will be asked to tape their earrings to prevent injury.

Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobile phones are not permitted. Wrist watches should also be removed for PE.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn by any child in school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. No styling products should be used and children should not have decorative patterns or 'tram lines' cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed. For health and safety reasons and to ensure it does not distract from learning, long hair must be tied back.

Footwear:

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list. It is important to note that part of the school day is spent outside playing with peers and also children take part in daily physical activity, for this reason some ballet style pumps are not appropriate as they can pose a health and safety risk when running.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

Although not part of the specific uniform policy, we expect children to be sent to school with an appropriate coat for the weather and time of year.

The Role of the Local School Committee

The LSC supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It is the LSCs' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. They also ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform List:

- Royal Blue Combe Martin School jumper or cardigan with school badge.
- White shirt or polo shirt with a collar.
- Dark grey / black school trousers/shorts or skirt.



For school, all girls or boys with long hair need to tie it back. Please use a plain dark hair band or hair tie.

Plain black, flat soled or small heel, school shoes (trainers are acceptable as long as they have no markings and are plain black). No boots, please.

Please do not wear jewellery. Children can wear studs in ears and a watch (an analogue model with hands is best to learn to tell the time).

In the Summer, children can wear blue gingham summer dresses.

Basic PE Kit List:

Children will be asked to come into school wearing their PE kit again this year on their PE days, but also have spare uniform to change into in case of bad weather.

- Logo PE jumper/hoodie
- Plain black shorts/joggers/leggings
- PE white polo shirt/logo – 'house' t-shirt
- Trainers
- Lightweight coat for outdoor activities

The PE kit list may differ according to the different /seasons/sports children participate in over the year. The class teacher/PE co-ordinator will contact parents to inform them of any additional uniform/equipment required for health and safety reasons, if necessary e.g. football studs.