

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to clarify the school's expectations regarding school uniform and also to provide some reassurance regarding current supply chain problems.

### **School uniform**

We believe that coming to school in the correct school uniform is a key part of being ready and prepared to learn. We therefore have high expectations of the presentation of children when they arrive each day: they should wear the appropriate school clothing for each activity; they should be clean and smart. A school uniform is designed to be functional – it is not a fashion statement. We do not allow deviation from the stand school uniform.

For details of our school uniform policy, please refer to our website:

<https://kingswayprimary.org.uk/uniform/>

Please note that we do not require children to wear ties any more – this is not a key aspect of the school uniform.

### **Shoes**

Please make sure your child comes to school in shoes. They should not wear trainers even if they are black. Shoes generally last longer, are more supportive of their feet and look much smarter. Please do not send your child to school in boots of any kind.

### **Supply chain issues for M**

I have received reports from parents that one of our uniform providers, Monkhouse, is having problems in supplying school uniform ready for the start of the school year. Understandably, many parents and children are feeling worried about this. I have spoken with the managers at Monkhouse today; they have reassured me that they are doing all they can to provide all items ordered as soon as possible.

They were not able to guarantee that all the items would be in place by the start of term. We are working with our account manager to resolve the situation and will keep you informed.

I also spoke with the other supplier: Myclothing. They have had no problems and are working ahead of timescales.

**My child's uniform has not arrived, what can I do?** If you have ordered items from Monkhouse and these have not been delivered, we understand that your child may not be able to wear their full uniform.

We do not want parents to have to go and purchase additional items while they wait. We ask that you dress your child as close to the standard school uniform as possible but recognise that some elements may be missing.

If your child is missing their entire uniform, please dress them in clothing that is appropriate for a PE day. Please remember: we do not allow children to wear large logos on their PE kit.

To support further, here is the information provided to new parents at the induction meeting:

## School Uniform

Children love to come to school in their new uniform, looking smart and showing they are ready to learn. We know that children learn best when they are ready for the school day: learning to wear the correct items of clothing is key to that. We designed a school uniform that is easy for parents to manage and affordable. We also stock some second-hand uniform to make it even easier to look smart and ready for the day.



### Day-to-day Uniform

- School jumper or cardigan with the Kingsway Primary School Logo
- White logo polo shirt or non-logo white polo shirt.
- Black/dark grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Black or navy blue shoes (Velcro fastening is preferred to support children's independence)
- Black/grey/white socks or grey tights



### Summer uniform

- As above or blue check gingham dress or black shorts or skirts

### PE Kit

- Navy blue logo PE shirt
- Royal blue shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers according to season and activity (Autumn/spring term daps, Summer term trainers)



## Other

- School Book Bag
- A pair of wellington boots (to be kept in school)

## Where to buy uniform:

- Monkhouse Schoolware Specialists (located at 99 Northgate Street, Gloucester).
- My Clothing: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)
- A typical school uniform will cost about £50 in total.

**With 60 children reception with similar uniform, uniform (especially jumpers and cardigans) can easily get lost so please can you ensure that all uniform is named. Although time consuming, sew in labels last longer. Otherwise a sharpie or iron-on label can be used. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING THAT YOU CHILD WILL TAKE OFF!**

## What else does my child need?



- **A PE kit stored in a drawstring PE bag.** School PE bags are available but children often find a different design easier to find.
- **Spare pair of pants and socks in a plastic bag/nappy sack.** Children do occasionally still have accidents in school and it is really helpful for us if they have their own clothes to change into as we don't keep many spares in school.



- **Wellington boots** for outdoor learning. Please name each one in large letters inside or across the toe area if you use a permanent pen.
- **Water bottle**-your child may find a unique design easier to find. Please can these also be named.



If you have any specific worries, please do get in touch and we will do what can to help.

Yours sincerely

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