



First Class Special Uniform Edition

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Honesty

Respect

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Achievement

Uniform Update

The vast majority of parents favour uniform and, as a school, we certainly want the children to take pride in wearing the school colours.

Wearing uniform and coming prepared for school is a skill we encourage in all learners.

It would be fair to say that the last couple of years has seen a deterioration in terms of children wearing the uniform. Coming ready for PE has also given children the opportunity to wear their own casual clothes rather than the suggested PE kit.

The priority has been to ensure the learners have been outdoors as much as possible and receiving their entitlement to PE. Our changing rooms are small and have no windows hence our reluctance to return to using these for the near future.

We have seen a huge increase in the amount of time the learners have for their PE sessions, more effective transitions and improved behaviour. Some children also feel uncomfortable changing in front of others for various reasons.

We are going to continue with children arriving in PE kit, but from August we will be ensuring that learners wear their uniform and a standard PE kit.

School Uniform August 2022

To give parents time to budget and order uniform, we though we would make our expectations clear for the start of Term One in August.

It can be tricky trying to get out of the door for school in the morning without the added stress of the children deciding or dictating what they want to wear! To support you as parents, we will inform all the learners about re-establishing uniform from August. That way, parents will not feel under pressure to allow their child to wear anything other than uniform. The Assembly will make it clear to all learners that the expectation is that they follow the uniform guidelines.

Affordability

Many parents will be feeling the pressure of having to buy the latest trend or sports items. Hopefully, these guidelines will help support parents in this respect. There is no expectation that your child must wear branded uniform from our supplier 'Ripples.' A variety of shops and supermarkets have uniform e.g., Royal Blue Cardigans and the likes.

If you are finding clothing challenging in terms of affordability, please get in touch. We do have several uniform items available and can point you in the direction of grants and additional funding.

All learners on non- PE days should wear the following...

School Jumper, Cardigan, fleece, Royal Blue jumper.

School trousers/ shorts/ Blue Gingham Dress, school skirt. These should be black, grey, or navy.

White/ royal blue polo shirt, white school shirt or blouse.

Black, grey, navy, or white socks/ tights

School Shoes or boots (not trainers)

All learners on PE days should wear the following...

School Jumper, Cardigan, fleece, Royal Blue jumper.

White Polo shirt, House T-Shirt in house colours, plain white, navy, or black t-shirt

Black or navy Jogging bottoms, plain black/navy leggings, black / navy/ royal blue shorts

Waterproof Jacket

Trainers

General Advice for all

Leggings should only be worn on PE days (this is in line with both Inverurie and Kemnay Academy Uniform).

Jewellery should be minimal and should be removed or taped on PE days. Ideally non should be worn.

Hair should be tied back particularly for PE days, technology/ science, and outdoor learning.

Football strips should not be worn and branded items kept to a minimum

Make up should not be worn

Ordering Uniform for Ripples in Kintore

Ripples are a relatively new uniform supplier. They offer a wide range of uniform. To manage parental expectations and to avoid disappointment, the following timeframes are recommended for you to have the items you require for Term One in August.

Ripples Order Deadlines

If you would like your uniform order from Ripples to arrive at school to be collected or sent home with your child, please order by the 20th of June 2022. This should mean that Ripples will be able to have orders with us by the 28th of June. This way, your order will be sent home with your child. Please always remember to add your child's name to the notes section of the order.

If you would prefer delivery of your items, the last date for this is 10th of August 2022. Please leave a 'safe-place' note in the notes section of your order in case you are not going to be in. Alternatively, you can opt to collect your own order from Ripples premises in Kintore.

Unfortunately, the in-service day is used for staff training and getting ready for the new school year so uniform cannot be collected from school on Monday the 22nd of August 2022.

