



PARTNERSHIP LEARNING
RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence for All



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're nearly one third of the way through our school year, the Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and I can see our school uniform is not as consistent as it would normally be.

Can I therefore please remind you to send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform. This includes a navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt, a grey polo shirt, and black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore. Black shoes, not brightly coloured fashion trainers should also be worn. I am also kindly requesting that on PE days, the children only wear the school PE uniform – black joggers, or white shorts, a navy blue t shirt and black plimsolls.

All parents agreed to adhere to school policies when their child became a member of Riverside Primary School. Wearing the correct school uniform is school policy: it also creates an identity for school and is an important part of being a school pupil. However, since the beginning of half term, we have noticed many children are not wearing the correct uniform.

At Riverside, we, as do all other primary and secondary schools in the authority, insist on children wearing the correct uniform for a number of reasons. Uniforms create a sense of belonging to a particular school and an identity for the school in the community. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means students don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important. There is no competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which can put a great deal of financial pressure on parents. For some children, wearing a different jumper, or top makes them 'stand out' from their classmates. This can be very upsetting for some children and unnecessary issues often arise when the children are asked to remove the item that is not uniform or attend reflection. Of course, this can be readily avoided if parents encourage their children to wear correct uniform, as they will need to when transferring to any secondary school in the borough.

We have some pre-loved school uniform available for any children that don't already have them.

Thank you for your support, ensuring school policies are followed and making sure your child is dressed appropriately for school each day.

Kind Regards

S. Kinnaird

Mrs Kinnaird

