



Coten End Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I just wanted to alert you to a few 'housekeeping' matters in advance of the new term in September.

Uniform

Please see a reminder below of the permitted items for school uniform. All of these can be purchased in supermarkets or department stores.

- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Pinafore dress or skirt
- Red or white polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or jumper or cardigan
- Red and white summer dress
- Grey or white socks
- Grey, white or red tights
- Black shoes (trainers, Vans, Dr Marten-style boots, and sandals are not suitable)
- A suitable coat for all weathers (any colour) – a hoodie is not an acceptable alternative for a coat. All too frequently children arrive at school without a coat and the weather throughout the day can be very changeable, regardless of the time of year.

PE Kit

Children in all year groups should have their PE kit in school and will change into this on their PE days. PE kit will be sent home every fortnight for washing.

The following PE kit may be worn:

- Red or white round necked t-shirt
- Black PE shorts or skirt
- Black or navy blue jogging bottoms
- Black or navy blue tracksuit top or sweatshirt (not a hoodie)
- Black pumps/plimsolls for indoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE (Years 1—6)

There should be no branded logos/designs on any of the PE clothing nor should children wear any football kit. If these are brought to school for PE, the children will be asked to take them home again and will be given spare PE kit to wear for the lesson that day.

(If a child needs to be excused from PE, we need this in writing from a parent, not verbally from a child).

Should you wish to purchase items of uniform with the school badge on, including polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans, the Coten End book bag, PE bag and school fleece, these can be ordered online via Myclothing - <http://myclothing.com>

The Friends of Coten End School run a second-hand uniform shop. Orders can be made online, using the following link: <https://www.cotenend.zero-waste.org.uk>.

Every item of uniform should be named. We are still disposing of numerous items of clothing each fortnight. This is not good for the environment or parents' financial situations. It also wastes a lot of time in school trying to sort out lost property.

Jewellery

Personal jewellery is limited to watches and small stud earrings, except for items worn for religious reasons. All jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. We cannot accept responsibility for lost jewellery or valuables.

Hair

Hair should always be kept clean and well groomed. No exaggerated hairstyles or colours are permitted. Hair is expected to be neat and of a natural colour. Any designs shaved into the hair, eg tramlines, are not allowed. It is advisable for long hair to be tied back. Any hairstyles or adornments that are acquired over the summer holidays should be removed before the first day of term. Children should wear discrete scrunchies, hair bands etc and not large or ostentatious items.

Make up/tattoos/nail varnish

Children should not wear any make up to school including nail varnish. Also, if children have temporary tattoos these should be removed before attending school. Children should also not be writing or drawing on themselves.

Water bottles

Water bottles should be of a sensible size (nothing larger than 500ml/ ½ litre) and preferably transparent so we can see the contents. Air Up bottles are not permitted nor are metal water bottles. Bottles should only contain water.

Bags

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 should bring a school book bag to school each day. Children in Key Stage 2 should bring in a small rucksack or bag (space is very limited in lockers). Both book bags and rucksacks should not have more than 2 keyrings on them. Please ensure bags are named.

Pencil Cases

Children in KS2 are not required to bring their own pencil case to school. All stationery will be provided by school. Pencil cases will be sent home if brought into school.

Phones

Mobile phones can cause a huge amount of social problems in and out of school. This year, we successfully implemented our Parent Smartphone Agreement which has significantly reduced the number of behavioural issues we have experienced related to phone use. The smartphone agreement will be introduced to new Y3 parents at our introduction evening and there will be a quick recap at the other introduction evenings. Parents will be encouraged to re-sign the agreement if they have changed their mind about anything. A reminder that this is not about preventing children from being able to quickly communicate with parents nor is it about restricting their use of technology, but it is an acceptance that primary-aged children are not mature enough to manage a social life online.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 do not need to bring in a snack as free fruit is provided each day. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring in a snack which should be one of the following: fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, yogurt pouch/tube. Please name any container that these are sent in. Cakes, pastries, biscuits, crisps, meat snacks, cereal bars etc are not permitted and will be sent home with the children.

Bikes/Scooters

Please remember that, for safety reasons, children and adults should not be riding bikes or scooters within the school grounds at any time during the day. If using the bike racks to store bikes and scooters, these should be locked as we cannot be responsible for their secure storage.

Please keep this information somewhere safe to refer to. It is being sent out now to avoid items being purchased unnecessarily over the summer holiday.

If you need clarification about any of the above, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Sheepy', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Sheepy