



# CANFORD HEATH INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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TEACH Trust Poole

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Article 29: Children have the right to develop their personality and talents to the full.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would also like to start by thanking the many families who consistently support our school expectations. The vast majority of children come to school smartly dressed, prepared for learning, and ready to do their best each day. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

Recently, however, we have noticed a small amount of slippage in a few areas, and I am therefore writing to provide some reminders so that we can maintain our high standards together.

## School Uniform Expectations

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing black school shoes (not boots), as outlined in the TEACH Trust Uniform Policy. If your child's shoes have broken or they have outgrown them and you are in the process of buying new ones, please inform the class teacher via your child's diary. Any temporary alternative footwear should be as close to black as possible.

We also have a selection of second-hand uniform, including school shoes, available through the school office. These are available for any family who would find this helpful, even on a temporary basis. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty, please speak to us in confidence so that we can offer appropriate support.

## Labelling Uniform

Please ensure that **all items of uniform**, including shoes, coats, jumpers and PE kit, are clearly named. We recently sorted through lost property and were able to return only the items that had names. It is always disappointing when we have to dispose of unclaimed uniform, and naming belongings makes a significant difference.

## Jewellery, Hair & Appearance

- Earrings must be **small, plain studs** only.
- Hair bows and accessories should be **small** and ideally in school colours.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer to be completely tied up.
- Nail polish is **not permitted**. Children arriving at school wearing nail varnish will be asked to remove it, so please ensure it is removed on Sunday evening before the school week begins.

## PE Kit Expectations

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school. Ideally, kits should be in from Monday each week, as there are occasions when the timetable may change.

- Shorts must be black or white and mid-thigh length.
- Please note that dance/gym shorts such as Nike Pro are not appropriate.
- Tracksuit bottoms should be black, navy or grey and not dominated by large brand logos.
- Footwear should be supportive, non-marking trainers.
- The school jumper is perfectly acceptable for outdoor PE sessions.



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We do understand that children grow out of shoes, or may lose items that cannot always be replaced straight away due to financial reasons or stock not being available. Please do reach out to use if there are financial constraints or ensure there is a note in the school diary so staff are aware of the reasons for any missing uniform.

## Diaries & Home Communication

Children must bring their **school diary** into school every day. These are an important communication tool and are checked weekly. If you write a message to the class teacher, please remind your child to let them know, as diaries are not checked daily.

## Home Reading & Home Learning Expectations

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum, and we ask that all children read regularly at home and that this is **signed by an adult each week**.

## Minimum Home Reading Expectations

- **Year 3** — Daily reading, with at least **4 sessions per week**, each lasting **15 minutes**.
- **Year 4 and Koalas** — Daily reading, with at least **4 sessions per week**, each lasting **20 minutes**.
- **Year 5** — Daily reading, with at least **4 sessions per week**, each lasting **25 minutes**.
- **Year 6** — Daily reading, with at least **4 sessions per week**, each lasting **30 minutes**.

Listening to your child read, sharing stories together, and discussing books all play a key part in developing fluency, comprehension and a lifelong love of reading.

We are pleased that the majority of children complete their home learning and reading regularly. Thank you for helping to maintain these good habits.

Thank you again for your continued support in helping us uphold the high standards we expect at school. Working together ensures that every child is equipped, prepared and ready to learn each day. A quick reminder that after Easter, the children can come to school in their summer uniform.

If you have any questions about uniform, PE kit, home learning or diaries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards



Mark Wilson  
Head Teacher



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