



## 'Dressed to the Nines'

School uniform plays a key role in **promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within pupils at school**. These factors contribute to pupils' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added financial stress to parents and carers, of meeting the expectations of other peers.

At Ashdon this is something that we will re-implement come September, as we want our pupils to feel proud of being part of our amazing Ashdon family. One way to do this is to wear the correct Ashdon uniform.

I am writing to you in advance, before you purchase new uniforms for the Autumn term.

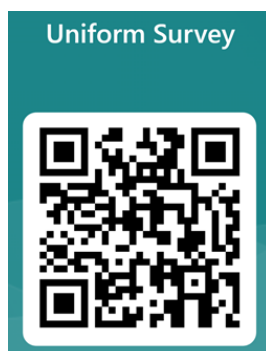
### Immediate small changes on 6th September:

- Children will only wear navy blue trousers; skirts; pinafores and shorts from September onwards and no grey items will be allowed anymore. Parents had a choice between grey and navy blue, and this caused confusion and inconsistent feel when looking at pupils attending our school. \*Something mentioned by a couple of parents coming to view our school for placements.
- Pupils will bring in their P.E kits to school and they will get changed in school. This is from Reception—Year 6. Older children will be dressing in separate areas as this could be a concern for some parents and carers. The rationale behind this: We found that pupils' lacked the skill to dress and undress independently (as a result of changes during the pandemic). We want our pupils to grow in independence and develop all their skills where possible. PS. Please ensure that your child has the correct Ashdon P.E kit and that every item is clearly labelled. Also 're-label' these items when this is sent home to get washed, as labels fall off unfortunately. Pupils will come to school in their uniforms and go home in their uniforms.

### Future changes:

- I am consulting with all parents regarding the change of shirts for our pupils. We would like to introduce light blue cotton shirts instead of the blue polo shirts—if the majority of parents are in agreement. These cotton shirts last longer and looks much smarter. They are also cheaper to purchase from Sainsbury, Tesco or Asda amongst other high-street shops (M&S sells cotton shirts for £9 for 3 shirts where the polo shirt with logo is £9 for 1 at Price and Buckland). You will also be able to buy long sleeved shirts for the winter and short sleeves for the summer. If we as a school decide that we would like to start using cotton shirts, we can of course phase the light blue polo shirts out as our daily uniform. This means that pupils can still wear these light blue polo shirts until they grow out of them. We would then like parents to rather purchase cotton shirts going forwards.
- The light blue embroidered polo shirts with the school logo will also still be allowed to be used during P.E lessons. The dark blue polo shirt with school logo will also still be used for P.E lessons.
- I would really like our parents and carers' opinion regarding this and therefore need all parents and carers to complete the survey. I would like for the survey to be completed by Friday 22nd June please. I will write to you again to inform you what we as a school will be doing.

Please use the QR code or link below to complete our Uniform Survey:



The new cotton shirts look like this.

<https://forms.office.com/e/vXGra4dUZr>

## Thank You!!!



Everyone at Ashdon just want to say a massive Thank You to the following people in times of need.

We want to say thank you to Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs Henry for preparing our pupils meals whilst we are without a cook at Ashdon. We also want to say thank you to Mrs. Osborne for popping in for two weeks to help out and helping us to order all the food we need every week. Last, but not least, we would like to say thank you to Mrs. McCormick, Ms. Lester, Mrs. Alderman and Ms. Nunn for helping out wherever they are needed.

It is through teamwork that we are able to make sure that we keep on providing for our pupils, not just academically, but also other aspects of school life. I am happy to also share that Mrs. Osborne agreed to come back on a temporary basis to help us out if need be in September.

## Attendance Winners!



**Class: 92.40%**

**Class: 95.29%**

**Class: 93.33%**

**Congratulations Class 2, you can have an extra 10 minutes playtime next Friday!!**

**Well done!**

## Important Dates and Events:



*Just a friendly reminder...*

- **Monday 12th June—16th June—Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils' taking part in the Phonics Screening Check**
  - **Monday 12th June—16th June—Year 4 pupils' taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check**
  - **Monday 19th June—Whole Class Photos**
  - **Tuesday 27th June—Sports Day (Pupils come to school in P.E kits)**
  - **Wednesday 28th June—Year 6 visiting 'Go Ape'**
  - **Friday 30th June—Friday 7th July—Scholastic Book Fair:**
    - \* Friday 30th—15:30—16:00 in the hall
    - \* Monday 3rd July—08:15-08:45 in the hall
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    - \* Tuesday 4th July—08:15-08:45 in the hall
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    - \* Wednesday 5th July—08:15-08:45 in the hall
    - \* Wednesday 5th July—15:30-16:00 in the hall
    - \* Thursday 6th July—08:15-08:45 in the hall
    - \* Thursday 6th July—15:30-16:00 in the hall
    - \* Friday 7th July—08:15-08:45 in the hall
  - **Friday 7th July —Year 2 School Sleep Over (Letter with details to follow)**
  - **Thursday 13th July @ 14:30—Mrs. Lunn's Farewell Assembly (all parents welcome)**
  - **Friday 21st July —Year 6 School Camp Sleep Over (Letter with details to follow)**
  - **Pirates of the Curry Bean Summer Performances:**
    - 19th July—13:30 & 19:00
    - 20th July—19:00
  - **Friday 21st July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 09:30 in the hall**
  - **Friday 21st July—Last Day of Summer Term 2**
- Please see our new online calendar on our website with lots of updated events for this year as well as next academic year!**