

CIRCULAR FOR PARENTS

Ref No- Cir/RBS/2015-16/No.78

Date-20/04/16

To: All Parents (Class 1 to Class 4)

From: The Principal

Subject: Concerns Regarding Uniform Change in School From Parents

Dear Parents,

We have received concerns from some primary school parents regarding the current process of changing sports uniform and shoes in school.

In the light of these concerns, we have done a face-face meeting with these parents and internally done a rigorous review of the policy. We would like to present our perspectives and policy-level conclusions as in the attached document.

You may contact me with appointment, if you would like to discuss any of these further face to face. We hope that you will co-operate with the school in this regard. Any further suggestions that can enable us to achieve our mutual objectives are always welcome.

With Warm Regards,



**Dr.Gargi Singh
The Principal
Redbricks Primary School**

REDBRICKS SCHOOL
Sports Uniform Changing Policy
Comments after review

SCHOOL UNIFORM- A BACKGROUND

The current school uniform has been designed keeping in mind school's philosophy.

Regular Uniform- While designing the regular uniform, it has been considered that girls need to wear skirts for developing an appropriate feminine grace. We have also selected formal school shoes for children, as regular school routine is a formal day for a student requiring formal shoes. While representing the school outside campus on field trips and other occasions, students also need to carry an appropriate demeanor with appropriate formal school uniform and shoes.

Sports Uniform- We believe that children need to get a holistic exposure at school. Hence, the timetable has a scope for sports period almost every day. It is our school's unique approach that gives children such a varied sports exposure.

The sports activities require children to do various movements for which they need comfortable and appropriate clothes. Apart from that, good health and hygiene necessitates that children change their perspired clothes and wear clean dry school uniforms for the rest of the day.

UNIFORM CHANGE PROCESS

Schedule- As per the timetable, the number of days when children would be expected to change uniform in school is as below-

Sports Uniform and Shoes change after sports period-

- Class 1 and Class 2 (Football, Free Games) – twice/week
- Class 3 and Class 4 (Football, Free Games, Karate) - three times/week
- Class 5 to Class 8 (Football, Karate, Free Games) – four times/week
- Class 9 (projected) – three times/week

The sports periods are usually kept in the morning as later part of the day are not conducive for children due to heat. Therefore, the current schedule requires children to wear sports uniform in the morning to school, and change over to regular uniform after the sports period for the later half of the day.

Steps taken by the school – In order to manage this process in the best manner possible, we will do the following-

- a) **To manage bag weight** – The school is providing the facility of storing sports shoes of children in locked cabinets within the child’s classroom. The teacher will be the custodian of the locked cabinet. But as stated before, the school can’t be held responsible for any damage or loss of shoes.
- b) **To manage safety of children** – Children are expected to change clothes within individual private cubicles inside the washroom. There is a maid always stationed outside the washroom. The school will also take particular care to have a maid and a teacher to supervise inside the washrooms, when the children are changing clothes after their sports period.
- c) **To manage hygiene while changing** – The washrooms are kept clean and dry at all times. Particular care is taken after sports period to have clean, dry washrooms before children change clothes.

Steps to be taken in future- The school is currently developing an indoor sports block, which has separate boys and girls changing rooms and shower cubicles. This will enable students to change uniforms in changing rooms instead of washrooms in the near future.

CURRENT POLICY REVIEW – CONCLUSIONS

Parents have largely made three kind of suggestions-

1. Change the formal school uniform with pants for girls and have common shoes for sports and formal purposes.
2. Allow children to wear sports uniform throughout the day after sports period.
3. Develop infrastructure such as changing rooms for uniform change instead of washrooms.

After thorough consideration, we feel that the first two suggestions are not optimal as per the school's beliefs due to the reasons outlined above in this document. The third suggestion is being considered with new infrastructure development.

However, we empathize with parent concerns and we would like to arrive at some win-win solutions. Therefore we recommend the following -

- From the upcoming academic year, the school will now make it optional for children to wear sports uniform. They can attend sports periods in either sports uniform or regular uniform. It will be the parent's choice to make this decision.
- However, the school will not allow a student to wear sports uniform all day in school, as that does not inculcate the right discipline and doesn't reflect an appropriate demeanor.
- The school wants to retain the option of sports uniform for those parents who too believe that children should wear comfortable clothes for sports and change into dry clothes after vigorous sports activity for rest of the school day.
- The school will take steps to monitor children appropriately during clothes changing time.
- Parents can help children to learn mechanisms of changing clothes and ways of keeping privacy during this process.

We hope that this option will resolve the issue for those parents who do not wish their children to change clothes in school. Looking forward to your continued support as always.

Sincerely,
Redbricks Team.

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