



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school and events within school hours, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on the school website. The school has used the Department for Education's (DfE) non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet. 'The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it; encourages identity with, and support for, a school's ethos; and nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils.' The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride;
- plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards a school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children as part of a school;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome;
- protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- earring studs in pierced ears. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. (We ask parents to inform the school if this is the case, in advance by email.)

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy. (We ask parents to inform the school if this is the case, in advance by email.)

Hair

- The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Examples of these are tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns, 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair.
- All pupils with long hair should tie it back for safety reasons.

Footwear

- All children must wear smart, black school shoes.
- No boots, open-toe shoes/sandals or flip-flops should be worn.
- Children may wear trainers on PE days (unless informed otherwise).

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children of all backgrounds, faith communities and educational need. Should parents wish to discuss any alterations to the uniform based on religious or Special Educational Needs and Disability grounds, then we would ask that such a request be made in writing to the Headteacher.

The Role of Trustees

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Trustees' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Trustees ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the Trustees on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Uniform

The School Uniform is:

- grey trousers and grey or black socks
- grey skirt/skort/pinafore dress and grey woollen tights or grey socks
- navy blue or white polo shirt (logo optional)
- blue jumper or cardigan with school logo on
- black shoes

In the Summer Term (from Easter to the end of the Summer term, continuing until the end of September if the weather allows) pupils may also wear:

- blue and white gingham dresses with white ankle socks
- grey shorts

NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles.

The Nursery Uniform is:

- grey trousers and grey or black socks
- grey skirt/skort/pinafore dress and charcoal grey/black woollen tights or grey/black socks
- light blue polo shirt (logo optional)
- royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo
- black shoes

NB: We would prefer the above Nursery uniform to be worn but, due to the cost of living crisis, have agreed that Nursery children may wear trousers/skirts/shorts of their choice but these must be suitable attire for school. We will speak to parents if the choice of clothing worn is not appropriate for school.

PE kit (To be worn to school on PE days, unless told otherwise)

- Black Plimsolls (trainers for outside use)
- Plain Navy or light grey tracksuit bottoms / shorts / skort (no logos/branding)
- Same top half as normal uniform ie. blue or white polo shirt (logo optional) & blue logo jumper/cardigan.

Naming of items

All items of clothing – including coats, shoes, hats, scarves, glove and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Each class will have its own lost property box for all un-named items of clothing. All named items will be returned to the pupil concerned as soon as possible.

Affordability

In line with DfE Statutory Guidance, all schools must ensure that uniform costs are reasonable, and parents get the best value for money. We feel the above policy reflects this guidance as we only have one item of Logo uniform which we expect children to have – the jumper/cardigan.

Quality second-hand uniform will be available from the school once we have accrued sufficient stock.

Families with pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant will be offered a new Logo jumper/cardigan, purchased by the school, a maximum of 3 times a year – once a term. If further assistance is required with other items of uniform, families are encouraged to contact the Headteacher in person or by email.