



School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school brochure. School colours are navy top with grey skirts or trousers, white or sky blue t-shirts/shirts or blouses and blue and white check dresses in the summer. We also ask parents to supply a plain t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls/trainers for PE.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with our school;
- 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.

3 Jewellery

Children are allowed to wear ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and when swimming, to prevent them from causing injury.

4 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. By definition the school sees 'extreme' haircuts as patterns shaved into the hair and any colour dyes as these may be distracting to other children.

5 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. School requires indoor shoes for movement around school from Year 1.

Nail varnish and makeup in school is not acceptable for children.

We always advise parents to label all clothing and not to send into school expensive fashion items as we cannot take responsibility for missing clothing.

6 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 School Uniform Policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

8 The role of governors

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 governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. The Headteacher will decide what is to be done if a pupil's appearance is judged to be inappropriate. If any pupil arrives at school dressed inappropriately, they will either be asked to change what they are wearing or be given a shared-use uniform to wear for the rest of day. The Headteacher is responsible for enforcing the uniform policy and has the full support of the school's governors.

9 Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy through its committee work 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 governors on the way the School Uniform Policy is implemented.

Previously Reviewed: July 2016

Signed: Mrs S Bainbridge

Signed: Chair of Governors