



# School Uniform Policy

## Copley Junior School

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## **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

### **1 Introduction**

1.1 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. The exception to this is when the member of staff leading the activity has informed parents/carers that different clothes are appropriate for the occasion. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is detailed in this policy. The purpose of the uniform is to set the right tone for the working day and ensure there is equality of appearance amongst all pupils.

### **2 Aims and Objectives**

- 2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the principle 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 the school;
  - prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes/shoes 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/carers;
  - is designed with health and safety in mind.

The adults encountered by the children at school have a responsibility to model a high standard of smart professional wear, as their example has an important influence on the children. All staff will support the uniform policy by praising children who are wearing uniform smartly and give reminders as necessary. A uniform reminder letter is available for teachers to complete and send home to parents/carers when needed.

### **3 Jewellery**

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is simple earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these before P.E. and games lessons, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Children must remove earring studs for swimming lessons in Year 5. On any days that a child is participating in P.E., games, swimming and other physical activities it is advisable to leave earrings at home. Children are encouraged to wear a watch as this supports them in learning to tell the time. Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted. Hair bows should be of a suitable size and should match school uniform colours (black, white, silver, grey, red).

#### **4 Extreme Haircuts**

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts e.g. excessively gelled/spiked/shaved etc. that could serve as a distraction to other children, a point of conflict or possible source of anti-social behaviour. No hair dyes are allowed.

#### **5 Footwear**

5.1 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 heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers or boots to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Summer sandals must have toes covered as open-toed sandals are not suitable to wear at school. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

In poor weather, children are welcome to come to school in wellies etc. and to change when they come into school. We recommend a bag is brought into school on these occasions as cloakroom space is very limited.

#### **6 The Role of Parents/Carers**

6.1 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.

6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head teacher. 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.

#### **7 The Role of Governors**

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

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

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

8.1 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 Head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

During extreme weather conditions it is understood that amendments to the dress code may be necessary but the overall aims and intention of this policy remain.

## 9 School Uniform List

9.1 The school uniform consists of:

- A white long sleeve or short sleeve shirt or blouse (not polo shirts)
- Black trousers (**trousers should be a standard 'straight leg' school trouser fit - i.e. not leggings or 'skinny' fit**)
- Black skirt, pinafore dress or culottes (**just above knee length**)
- Shorts (**just above knee length**)
- A red V neck sweatshirt jumper or sweatshirt cardigan
- The school tie (available from Cliffs and the school office)
- Black shoes, sandals (**not trainers or boots; summer sandals must have toes covered as open-toed sandals are not suitable to wear at school**)
- White, grey or black socks/opaque tights
- During the summer term red checked dresses may be worn

Please note that jumpers and cardigans are available with the Copley logo from Cliffs uniform supplier in Doncaster, but this is not compulsory. A plain red V neck sweatshirt jumper or sweatshirt cardigan may be purchased instead from the parents' store of choice.

The school P.E. kit consists of:

- White polo shirt
- Black shorts/leotard
- Trainers (non logo brands)
- Track suit (non branded, no logos)

Cloakroom space is limited, so we appreciate P.E. kit being brought into school in a small drawstring bag.

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### School Uniform Appendix



Shorts/culottes/skirts/pinafore dresses may be worn throughout the year. All items should be just above knee length. Pictured above are the options of a pinafore with shorts, pinafore dress, culottes and school skirts. Trousers should be a standard 'straight leg' school trouser fit - i.e. not leggings or 'skinny' fit, as shown in the photographs above. During the summer term red checked dresses may be worn.