

Hill View Infant Academy

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School Uniform Policy

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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 prospectus.

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 pride in the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identified the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming into 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.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.
- Supports positive behaviour management.
- Ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome.
- Nurture cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils.

School Uniform

We expect a high standard of personal appearance and ask for parental support in this.

The uniform comprises:

- Green sweatshirt with school badge or green v-neck jumper or cardigan.
- Grey or black school trousers or shorts, (not fashion trousers) skirt or pinafore.
- White or yellow school shirt or polo shirt.
- Green/gold striped tie (optional)
- Green school fleece.
- Green and white or yellow and white striped or checked summer dresses.
- No jewellery (including earrings)

School uniform may be purchased through the school via 'ICE' sportswear, or from the uniform shop in Sunderland town centre.

The majority of uniform can be purchased from most leading supermarkets at a cost effective price. The school does have some second hand uniform available if needed.

PE kit comprises:

- Gym shoes in a gym bag
- White T-shirt
- Shorts (navy or black)
- Jogging bottoms (navy or black)

Please note football tops and crop tops are not allowed.

Jewellery

- On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery including earrings in our school. It is reasonable to ban pupils from wearing jewellery as it considers this to pose a risk of injury.
- **Any piercings to the ears must be done at the start of the 6 weeks holiday to allow for them to heal and be removed by September. Children /parents who come back to school in September wearing earrings will be asked to remove them.**
- If jewellery is to be worn due to religious beliefs then the parent must request a meeting with the Head Teacher, who will then raise this with the chair of Governors. School will only consider amendments to this policy to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion.
- If the request is approved, the parent must then sign a disclosure form which deems them responsible for their child's safety in school. The earrings/studs must be covered using tape at all times.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have "extreme" haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. We believe in equality of opportunity for all children, and do not wish children to be vulnerable to discrimination through unsuitable haircuts.

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. Children should wear sensible shoes at all times.

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.

Uniform may be purchased locally at a reasonable cost to all.

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 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. Again, the parent must request a meeting with the Head Teacher, who will then raise this with the chair of Governors.

We are able to provide financial support for any parent who is not in a position to purchase school uniform.

Human Rights issues

The Human Rights Act 1998 protects the right to manifest one's religion or beliefs'.

It may be possible for many religious requirements to be met within the school uniform policy and the school will act reasonably in accommodating religious requirements and make a decision on every case at the time.

Non- compliance with schools uniform policy and school rules

The head teacher or a person authorised by the head teacher may contact a parent to take their child home briefly to remedy a breach of the schools rules on uniform. This will not be for longer than is necessary to remedy the breach. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. If the absence is longer than is necessary, the absence may be counted as unauthorised. The parent will be made aware of this. If the school uniform policy is repeatedly breached then this may be grounds for exclusion.

If a child is not wearing the correct uniform because their parents are in financial difficulties we will be sensitive to individual needs of the family. The child will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against. In this circumstance, the school will work closely with the family.

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 head teacher 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.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform through its committee work by:-

- 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

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