

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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** 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 the 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

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. These items must be removed during PE and games.

3.2 Wherever possible, parents are requested to organise ear piercing for the school summer holidays to allow for healing to take place so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons or swimming.

3.3 Children are not permitted to wear messaging enabled technology such as Apple Watches. Other small watches and 'fitness' watches are permitted.

3.4 Nail varnish and make up are not permitted.

4 Haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Haircuts should not be shorter than a grade one.

4.2 The recommendation of the Health Service is for children (male or female) with long hair to wear it tied back. Long hair can cause a hazard on the playground, during P.E lessons and increase the risk of spreading Head Lice.

4.3 Hair accessories should be plain and in school colours wherever possible. No 'fashion' hair accessories are permitted as these could serve as a distraction.

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 high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers 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. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. Children may wear boots/wellingtons to and from school and at playtimes, but they must bring shoes to wear in the classroom

6 The role of parents

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 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.

7 The role of governors

7.1 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.

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 Monitoring and review

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 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.

9 Equality

9.1 We have carefully considered the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in line with the Equality Act 2010.

Signed:

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WINTER UNIFORM (AUTUMN AND SPRING TERM)

Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore
White shirt
School Tie
White/grey/black socks or maroon/grey tights
School sweatshirt or cardigan (maroon) with school logo
Black school shoes (no sling backs or high heels)

Hair accessories should be plain and in school colours wherever possible.

Outdoor clothing is left to the discretion of parents; school logo jackets are available from the uniform suppliers.

SUMMER UNIFORM (SUMMER TERM ONLY)

Grey school trousers/skirt/pinafore or tailored grey school shorts
School Logo Polo shirt and no tie or white shirt and school tie
School sweatshirt or cardigan (maroon) with school logo
Optional pink/white gingham summer dress
Grey/white/black socks
Black school shoes or sturdy black/brown/white sandals

PE KIT

House colour t-shirt (available from the school office)
Black PE shorts
Trainers for outdoors/pumps for indoors
Plain coloured jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor PE in the winter
PE kit should be stored in a named kit bag (kit bags available from school uniform supplier)

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING TO BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME