

## School Uniform Policy

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is our school policy and expectation 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.
- (UNCRC Article 19: All children have the right to be safe.)**

### 3 Jewellery

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. This is to prevent them from causing injury particularly when carrying out physical activity which is not just limited to Physical Education (PE) lessons in the case of young learners. The early years outdoor learning and the provision in the playground to enhance physical development for Key Stage 1 learners means that the wearing of jewellery presents a risk / health & safety issue and therefore should not be worn at any time.

### 4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

### 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 encourage 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 **black shoes** as stated in the uniform list.

## 6 PE & Games

- 6.1 PE & Games lessons are a compulsory part of the school curriculum and it is important that children have the appropriately clothing. All children should have a complete change of clothes which should comprise of a white T-Shirt with the school logo, black *shorts (NOT BERMUDA SHORTS!)* which are available for purchase from the school, *white socks and plimsolls*. **All items should have the child's name sown or written on them** and be placed in a labelled PE bag (also available for purchase from the school). For outdoor games on Wednesday when the children in KS 1 received specialist teaching by a trained coach they come to school dressed in their outdoor PE uniform comprising of **black/grey** jogging bottoms, sweat shirt or hoody (which can be purchased from the school) and trainers may be worn. The PE kit should be regularly washed and we suggest that children bring clean clothing in on Monday and take their PE kit home every Friday to be washed, ready for the following week.

## 7 The role of parents

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.

## The role of governors

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 8.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## 9 Monitoring and review

- 9.1 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.



## 10. Purchasing the school uniform

10.1 The school operate a uniform shop where items with the school logo such as Sweatshirt, T-shirts, book bags and joggers/tracksuits can be purchased. The school operates a cashless payment system so payments are made on Parent Pay. All school parents will be provided information on how this can be done.

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