



**Have courage, grow roots, shine bright!**

Policy:	Uniform
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**Core values:** compassion, courage, resilience and responsibility.

### **Mission Statement**

'Nurturing children to blossom into compassionate and resilient members of our community'.

### **Values and aims:**

- To create a stimulating learning environment both indoors and outdoors where children feel safe, are eager to learn and have fun.
- To offer a broad and balanced curriculum which is enhanced through our unique characteristics.
- As a village school, maintain excellent communication and develop links with the community.
- To celebrate and share success however small.
- To foster an understanding of the wider world, encouraging imagination and a sense of wonder.
- To create the foundations for a lifelong love of learning.

# **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 brochure.

## **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:

Small earring studs in pierced ears;

Small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara;

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

3.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

#### **4 Extreme haircuts**

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

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

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

5.2 Fashionable boots, like Ugg boots, are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes or black plimsolls to change into.

## **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 a 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 hard wearing, 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 Uniform**

**The School Uniform is:**

Grey trousers, grey school shorts or grey school skirt

Grey/ black, **plain** socks or tights

White polo shirt (with school logo are available from School Trends, Kitz or My Clothing)

Navy blue jumper or cardigan (with school logo are available from School Trends, Kitz or My Clothing)

**In summer (after our Easter break until October half term):**

Light blue and white gingham dress or

White polo shirt and grey trousers, shorts or skirts

NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and cut, not sportswear or fashion styles.

**PE kit:**

Trainers

Navy Blue PE shorts

Navy blue school T-shirt (with logo is available from our clothing provider)

Navy blue tracksuit bottoms or leggings for the winter months (for outside use)

A navy blue school hoodie is available (although none branded, plain, navy sweatshirts or hoodies may be worn in winter months)

All items of clothing - including shoes and wellingtons - should be clearly marked with the child's name.

If any family has a concern with the purchase of any items of school uniform please speak to the headteacher in confidence.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instill pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'

### **REVIEW OF POLICY**

The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body. If changes are made to the policy, the Governing Body will ratify amendments.

Signed: A. Muir

Designation: Chair of Governors

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