

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 and on the school website.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief 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 plain gold/silver ear-ring studs in pierced ears, a watch and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. Due to Health and Safety reasons, no jewellery of any kind is to be worn during PE lessons. It is our preference that jewellery is not worn at all on PE days to reduce the time changing for PE lessons, and also the risk of them getting lost. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings for children and therefore if your child comes to school with earrings and cannot remove them for themselves, they will not be able to participate.

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 allow children to wear trainers to school unless by agreement with the Headteacher; 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.

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

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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 every 3 years.