



Aim High....Fly High!

Name of Policy	School Uniform Policy
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Date to be reviewed	July 2024
Governor Committee	Standards
Key Member of staff	Headteacher
Statutory	No

Introduction

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone.

Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning since it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school and encourages identity in the school
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of children
- Ensures children of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Uniform

The school uniform is as follows:

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo* - Years R – 5

Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo * - Year 6

White or royal blue polo shirt *

Grey/black trousers, skirts or pinafores

Thick tights or leggings may be worn under skirts or pinafores. These should be either grey, black, navy blue or white.

In summer; black or grey shorts or skirts, or blue gingham dresses, with grey, white or black socks or tights.

Black shoes or plain black trainers with no coloured markings that are safe for class and playtimes. Children should be able to run and play safely in their shoes without risk of them falling off or posing a trip hazard, so shoes with heels or platform soles are not appropriate.

PE uniform

As PE kit is to be worn to school on timetabled PE days, it is important that the same high standard of uniform is continued. Therefore, the PE uniform is as follows:

Plain navy or black tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings for cold days

Plain navy or black shorts for warmer weather

Plain white, navy or black T shirt / polo shirt

School sweatshirt

Trainers or plimsols

Additional items can include a sun hat and a book bag*

These items * are available from the uniform shop in school, all other items can be bought from any retailer.

Hair

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school.

Hair must be tied up in PE. In swimming we request that children tie long hair up.

Non regulation hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

These include:

- Patterns cut into the hair
- Hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere
- Hair that has been spiked up
- Hair dyed or bleached, either wholly or partly, in a non-natural hair colour

Jewellery/Nail varnish/make up

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain, simple earring studs in pierced ears, and small watches. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears, to get piercing right at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term. Where this is not possible we ask the children to cover them with special tape (i.e. Microporous relitape) to prevent them from causing injury. (N.B. the office keeps spare tape for emergency use).

Nail varnish, face paints and make up should not be worn to school.

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 school work. 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.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. 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

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.

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 policy through its committee work by:

- 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.