



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

### **Introduction**

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 the children's personal organiser. See appendix one for this list.

### **Aims and objectives**

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 pupils with the school;
- prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes pupils 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.

### **Implementation of the policy**

#### **Jewellery**

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. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Ears should be pierced in the school holidays.

#### **Extreme haircuts**

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

#### **Footwear**

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 believe that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform and creates unnecessary competition. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

## 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 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.

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.

## Monitoring and review

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.

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.

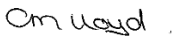
The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they take account of views when ratifying 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.


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Date ratified by the Resources Committee: 15.05.24

  
Signed:  
Mrs C Llyod

(Chair of the Resources Committee)

  
Signed:  
Mrs S Eyre

(Head Teacher)

Review date: May 2027 (or earlier if the uniform policy changes)

## **Appendix One**

### **School Dress**

The staff and Governors would like all pupils to abide by the dress code:

- Grey trousers, shorts or skirt. Pupils may also wear a pinafore dress.
- White shirt or blouse
- White polo shirt
- Dark Green School logo sweatshirt/cardigan or equivalent without logo.
- Green/White checked summer dresses
- Sensible black shoes/Summer sandals (white or black with a back strap – not flip flop style)
- Black/white/blue/black socks or tights

Denim jeans, trainers, sportswear and similar play or leisure type clothes should not be worn as school dress.

In the interests of safety and security pupils should not wear jewellery in school. In the case of earrings, children should wear only small studs. Pupils should not wear nail varnish or other make-up. We request that pupils have their ears pierced in the summer holidays only.

### **Equipment for Physical Education**

Our physical education programme includes the teaching of outdoor games and skills, gymnastics and swimming throughout the year.

The children will require the following essential equipment:-

plain shorts/PE pants (blue/black)  
white vest or t-shirt or leotard (blue/black)  
plimsolls  
swimming trunks/costume/towel  
drawstring bag

For outdoor Games we ask children to bring suitable clothing for cold weather. A plain tracksuit (blue/black) and clean trainers are desirable. Plimsolls are not suitable for outdoor games.

Children are able to attend school in their PE uniform on PE days.