

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.

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 an ear-ring stud in each ear 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.

4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to themselves and, or, other children. Examples are: shapes and designs being shaved into the head, long tails and Mohican styles. The wearing of too much gel is also discouraged. The school encourages individuality, yet believes 'alternative' styles should be kept for holiday time.

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 shoes (not boots or sandals) 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, for any reason a parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Governing Body. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are valid reasons, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1** The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider appropriate representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher 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 school monitors and review 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 Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
 - requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

9 School Uniform

- 9.1** The main purpose of adhering to a uniform code is to encourage pupils to identify with the school, both in and out of school time. It also eases the pressure that children can put on parents to provide the latest fashion clothes in competition with other children. This can deflect attention away from good attitudes to work in school.

- 9.2** The uniform for all pupils is as follows:

Pale blue collared shirt/blouse and school tie.
Royal blue v necked sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
Charcoal grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress (not black)
Black shoes (not boots or sandals)

There is an optional uniform which can be worn during the **Summer Term** only:

White polo shirt (no tie) with long or short charcoal grey trousers or skirt (not black) or blue gingham or striped dress.

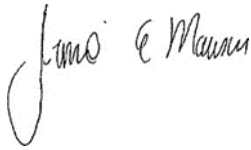
White T shirt (with logo) and royal blue shorts.

Pupils may also wear track suit bottoms for PE outside if the weather is cool.

9.4 Uniform can be bought from our supplier Elizabeths, via their online store. (www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk) They also have a shop in Stockton where parents can buy uniform. The school has ties and water bottles in stock.

9.5 Names are required on all clothing. When pupils wear boots, heavy shoes or wellingtons to come to school during bad weather, they will need an extra pair of shoes into which to change. High-heeled shoes, fashion shoes and trainers are unsuitable wear in school. Black flat-heeled shoes are recommended.

Signed:



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