



TITLE: Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

It is our policy that all children should 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

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are a watch, ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster to avoid damage or harm to children. We do not allow hair adornments such as extensions, chopsticks or long scarves.

4. Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts/coloured hair/extreme styles that could serve as a distraction to other children except on authorised occasions (e.g. Charity days).



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5. Clothing

Pupils should wear:

- Burgundy school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece embroidered with our school logo*
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt (polo shirts with our logo are available)*
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt*
- Summer dresses (red check/striped print) are allowed during the summer term and until autumn half-term*
- White, black, or grey socks

Only the first named item above will need to be purchased from a particular retailer (www.wovina.com).

6. PE Kit

Pupils should wear:

- Burgundy T-shirt embroidered with our school logo*
- Burgundy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece embroidered with our school logo*
- Burgundy or black shorts*
- Dark grey or black sports tracksuit trousers or leggings
- Trainers

Only the two first named items above will need to be purchased from a particular retailer (www.wovina.com).

7. Second Hand Uniform

All of the clothing and P.E. kit identified with an asterisk (*) above can be purchased from the school office's second hand uniform stock subject to availability at a cost of £1 per item. Please do contact the school office if you wish to enquire about particular items and sizes.

8. Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. Shoes should be black, flat or very low heeled. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Trainers are not allowed in school, except for P.E. Footwear such as boots and wellingtons may be worn in cold or wet weather but pupils should bring shoes to change into. This policy operates throughout the year. Open-toed sandals/flip-flops may not be worn.

9. The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent/carer 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, e.g. religious objections, why



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parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school does not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably. If the uniform policy is not observed and the school has not been given a sound reason, parents/carers are spoken to in person or by telephone by the class teacher. If the situation is not rectified parents /carers are invited to meet with the Headteacher to discuss the matter.

10. The Role of Governors

The Governing Board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

11. Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the Governing Board:

- seeks the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it.
- considers with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.