

School Uniform Policy

This policy is a whole school policy including EYFS

1 Introduction

1.1 We are currently updating our school uniform with a one year transition time, the new uniform will be compulsory from September 2023. The new striped shirt will replace white shirts and ties for the boys and white blouses for girls. Girls now have the option to wear shorts/trousers with the new striped shirt.

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 for our parents. The list is available to parents in our commencement pack, on the school website and within the home/school communication diary.

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 earring studs in pierced ears, and a wrist watch. 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. Please ensure that earrings are gold or plain silver spheres.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. For safety and hygiene reasons hair that is touching the shoulder should be tied up. Hair that can fall into eyes should be secured back.

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. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

6 Smart Appearance

- Boys top buttons must be done up and ties have a small neat knot.
- Boys white shirts must be tucked in, purple striped shirts can be worn untucked if not too long.
- Shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- Long fringes must be secured off the face.
- No jewellery except small gold or silver sphere earrings and a watch.
- Make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

7 The role of parents

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 This policy is the Headteacher's ongoing responsibility and its effectiveness is reviewed annually in consultation with the staff.

Signed Headteacher: *Sally Cox*

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