



School Uniform Policy –Autumn 2017 Review date – Autumn 2020

1 Introduction

- 1.1 We are very proud of our school and our uniform. 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. There are occasions when school uniform may not be worn (e.g. themed days, residentials) and parents will be notified of these days, together with a description of the most appropriate alternative uniform.

2 Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - encourages 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 and carers;
 - is not discriminating to those who may have religious, cultural or family practice;

3 School Uniform List

- 3.1 All uniform is available to order. An order form is available on the School website or via the School Office. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is as follows:

Compulsory Uniform

- *Charcoal grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore.*
- *Short Grey socks, long grey or long white socks or blue tights.*
- *Plain white polo shirt – short sleeved with plain, straight collar*
- *Royal blue sweatshirt with logo or royal blue cardigan with school logo (order through school)*
- *Summer - royal/white gingham dress in the summer with white socks.*
- *Flat black or navy shoes - lace-up, velcro or buckled shoes. No trainers, no boots, no open-toe sandals, no slip ons.*

**If girls are performing handstands whilst wearing skirts or dresses, they will need to wear black shorts underneath, which should not be visible below the dress or skirt line.*

Hats:

*A school logoed summer hat is needed by all children, available from the school office. A knitted, logoed winter hat is optional and is available from the office. **No other hats.***

Compulsory PE Kit – All available to order

- *White PE T-shirt with School logo*
- *Royal PE shorts*
- *White socks*
- *Trainers or plimsolls*
- *Royal blue jogging bottoms*
- *PE bag*

Optional Clothing (Outdoor use only, this is not uniform)

- *Fleece jacket with logo*
- *Lightweight jacket with logo*
- *Reversible coat with logo*

SCHOOL BAGS

School bags are available from the school. Alternative bags/rucksacks should not be any larger than the school bags (38cm x 28cm x 10cm)

Second hand uniform is available from the School.

4 Lost Property

- 4.1 We expect all uniform to be named so that it can be returned quickly.
- 4.2 In some circumstances, school staff may label school clothing with the child's name in pen if it is not named already.
- 4.3 Items of lost property are kept at the school, and are accessible to parents and children at all times.
- 4.4 Any unclaimed property may be re-sold by the school, donated to charity, or disposed of as necessary.

5 Jewellery

- 5.1 On health and safety grounds, the wearing of jewellery is **not permitted**. The exception to this rule is that children may wear one small plain gold or silver stud in each ear. These must be removed for all physical activities or covered with a plaster or micropore tape (not supplied by school) and removal will be the responsibility of the child concerned. No adult may assist with removal or replacement of earrings. No other body piercings are permitted.

6 Wrist Bands

- 6.1 Children are not permitted to wear wrist bands or bracelets unless it is for medical or religious purposes.
- 6.2 In order to promote the support of charities, children are permitted to wear one charity wrist band on Fridays.

7 Hair

- 7.1 Shoulder length hair should be neatly tied back (to help avoid headlice infection) and hair should not obscure vision.
- 7.2 Hair decorations should be purely functional i.e. flat hair clips and plain hairbands or scrunchies in school colours (royal blue/blue gingham)
- 7.3 Children are not expected to have bleached or coloured hair and haircuts should not be shorter than a number 3 cut. Hair gel is not permitted.

8 Make up and Nail Varnish

8.1 The School does not permit children to wear make up or nail varnish.

9 Footwear

9.1 We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list. Platform soles/heels are dangerous for children to wear in a school environment. Trainers/boots are leisurewear and do not meet the criteria for the smart appearance of a school uniform.

10 The role of parents and carers

10.1 We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork and that the uniform is clean and in good repair.

10.2 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers 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, or is not in-line with a child's religious or cultural traditions, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities, religious or cultural traditions unfavourably.

11 Children Eligible to Receive Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

11.1 In order to support low-income families, it is our policy to supply one school jumper free of charge to parents, for each child each year who have registered for Free School Meals. A leaflet is available for parents from the school office, outlining the criteria for eligibility.

12 The Role of Governors

12.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

12.2 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.

12.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

12.4 Governors may give discretionary allowance and must consider exceptions not only for religious beliefs, but for those pupils who contend that a cultural practice means an exemption or relaxation of the rules would be necessary.

13 Monitoring and Review

13.1 When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;