



## Uniform Policy

### **Introduction**

It is our policy that all children from Reception to Year 6 wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event unless the school decides otherwise. Children in our nursery do not wear uniform.

### **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.

### **Uniform Details**

Bottoms - Grey or black pinafore, school skirt, skorts or shorts or school trousers, or green checked summer dresses. Leggings, track suit bottoms or jeans are not acceptable

Tops - White polo shirt or shirt/blouse

Emerald green sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo

Footwear - Plain black flat shoes, plain black trainers or plain, flat, black boots (see on for more details on footwear)

White, black or grey socks or black or grey tights

P.E. kit - Plain black school shorts, plain white t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers (in a P.E. bag).

Black leggings or black track suit bottoms can be worn if appropriate.

N.B. School sweatshirts, polo shirts with school logo and P.E. kits (not including plimsolls) are available from the school.

We encourage children to wear head protection in sunny weather. School caps are available to purchase.

### **Headwear**

Headwear worn for religious reasons should be plain black or white.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school except for stud earrings in pierced ears. No other earrings are allowed. Children wearing any jewellery other than stud earrings will be asked to remove it.

N.B. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

### **Hair and make up**

All children, girls and boys, are expected to tie hair up at all times, where it is long enough to do so. Hair ties must be discrete and fit with the school colours. Some hair ornaments may need to be removed for P.E. on the grounds of health and safety.

No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not permitted.

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear flip flops, open toed sandals or shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this.

Shoes made of breathable material such as leather are preferred and totally plastic shoes (such as jelly shoes or 'Crocs') are not acceptable.

Plain, flat, black boots may be worn to school. 'Ugg' style boots and fashion boots are not allowed. Wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day.

The decision about what constitutes suitable footwear rests with the headteacher.

### **Water bottles/Packed lunch**

Children have access to drinking water throughout the day. Children should bring a bottle filled with plain water - not fruit juice, cordial or flavoured water.

We are a nut free school so packed lunches should not have any products containing nuts. This includes chocolate spread as it often contains hazelnuts. Children are not allowed sweets or chocolate bars in their packed lunch boxes. They are allowed biscuits from the biscuit section of the supermarket.

### **The role of parents**

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

### **What if a pupil does not wear a uniform?**

The Headteacher will decide what is to be done if a pupil's appearance is judged to be inappropriate. If any pupil arrives at school dressed inappropriately, they will either be asked to change what they are wearing, be given spare uniform to wear for the rest of day or the parent will be called to and asked to bring in the correct uniform. The Headteacher is

responsible for enforcing the uniform policy and has the full support of the school's governors.

### **The role of governors**

The governing body implements the school uniform policy. It works with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. It is the responsibility of the governors to ensure that the school meets all 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 hard wearing, safe and practical.

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