# School Uniform Policy for Parents and Carers

Moving forward to raise standards and expectations further still, with the support of the School Council and the Parent Forum, we are reviewing our school policies starting with the Uniform Policy. We have the highest expectations from our pupils in terms of uniform and appearance and strongly believe that these high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

#### Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- fosters a feeling of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- prevents children wearing fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school - organised events outside of normal school hours, except residential visits. We expect all pupils and parents to support the school uniform policy. To maintain high standards, children should be correctly dressed and well-presented ready for their daily schoolwork, which includes having a suitable hairstyle. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked in to their trousers or skirts; skirts must be approximately knee length; and leggings must not be worn.

It is also vital that children come to school in a coat suitable for the forecast weather conditions each day. During break and lunch times children will go outside even in cold, windy conditions and even in light rain.

Jumpers with the school logo can be bought from the school office, whilst other items are available at local shops and supermarkets. The complete list of items needed for the school uniform, including those for Physical Education is printed on the School Uniform Policy below.



| SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY  |  |
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| Girls  | Boys   |
| Shirt / Polo Shirt - White   | Shirt/ Polo Shirt - White                    |
| School Sweatshirt/Cardigan - Dark Green  | Trousers - Grey                              |
| Knee length Skirt - Grey   | Grey Shorts [should sit just above the knee] |
| Trousers Grey / Pinafore - Grey  | School Sweatshirt - Dark green               |
| Shorts -Grey [should sit just above the knee]  |  |
| Gingham Dresses/Culottes - Green   |  |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION   |  |
| PE/Games   | Swimming                                     |
| Plain White T-Shirt  |  |
| Black Shorts   | Trunks [no shorts] for Boys                  |
| Trainers /Plimsolls  | One Piece swimsuits for Girls                |
| Blue / Black Tracksuit or  | Towel  |
| Plain Black / Blue Jogger Pants &  |  |
| Sweatshirt (without hoods)   |  |
| FOOTWEAR   |  |
| Sensible plain black flat shoes without logos  |  |
| Ankle boots and knee length boots are discouraged, but if worn should be plain black and       |  |
| flat. Children will be asked to change out of boots if they cannot sit comfortably in them, on |  |
| the floor  |  |
| ** Children should wear shoes they can fasten independently**                                  |  |
| ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED  |  |

All children require a 'clear' water bottle clearly named & brought into school daily

# Removal of Non-Uniform Colours and Inappropriate Clothing

Children arriving at school in non-uniform or inappropriate clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our supply whilst in school; their item of clothing will be returned to them at the end of the school day with a letter to parents.

#### Jewellery

For health and safety reasons and following Local Authority Guidelines, the policy <u>does not</u> allow jewellery to be worn in school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain stud earrings in pierced ears and a sensible sized watch - both of which must be removed for PE lessons to prevent injury.

#### <u>Please note staff are not permitted to remove earrings.</u>

#### Hair Styles and Hair Accessories

- Long hair should be tied back at all times and short hair cut in a suitable style for school.
- Hair should not obstruct the pupils' vision.

- 'Extreme' haircuts are not allowed in school ('extreme' being any haircut that is considered by the school to be significantly different so as to cause distraction to others, and therefore their learning; and not in keeping with the school's ethos.
  Examples of haircuts not permitted at school include; tram lines or patterns shaved into pupil's hair, Mohican style or significantly different grading [shaved sides with longer hair across top] are also not allowed.
- Hair will be one natural colour and not dyed.
- Hair gel should be kept to a minimum to 'tame' hair but not used for excessive or spikey hair styles.
- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or scrunchies should be plain and either green or black. Any bows should be small and unobtrusive. Children will be asked to remove inappropriately large hair accessories.

# Headwear

Children may wear caps or hats to protect themselves from the sun or adverse weather conditions. All headwear must be of plain colour. These items are not to be worn indoors. Any request to change uniform on religious grounds can be applied for. All requests need to be made to the Headteacher. This is taken from the guidance outlined on the DCSF guidance to Schools on School Uniform.

#### Make-up and Nail Varnish

The wearing of make-up or nail varnish is not allowed in school except for a dress- up day as part of a costume or for an out of school hours function like school disco.

# **Outdoor Clothing**

It is also vital that children come to school in a coat suitable for the forecast weather conditions each day. During break and lunch times children will go outside even in cold, windy conditions and even in light rain. Clothing used for outdoor wear, like fleeces and scarves, should not be worn inside the school building.

# Role of Parents and Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child wears the correct uniform and PE kit, and that this is clean and in good repair with their child's name clearly marked. If a parent or carer has difficulties for any reason with providing a uniform, they are asked to speak in confidence to a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the issues. Parents and carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

# The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher and staff in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

This policy will be reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee in May 2020.