School Uniform Policy

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1. Aims

Our school believes that a consistent and practical school uniform helps to create a strong sense of belonging and identity within our school community. It supports high expectations, promotes equality between pupils and helps children to feel proud to represent their school.

This policy aims to:

- Set clear and consistent expectations regarding school uniform and appearance.
- Promote a sense of belonging, pride and community.
- Ensure pupils are dressed safely and appropriately for learning and school activities.
- Ensure our uniform is practical, comfortable and affordable for families.
- Avoid unnecessary differences in dress becoming a distraction or source of pressure between pupils.
- Ensure that reasonable adjustments can be made where appropriate for pupils with additional needs, medical requirements or religious beliefs.

2. Our School Uniform

The school uniform consists of:

[Insert school uniform requirements here]

For example:

- Purple v-neck jumper or cardigan (logo optional)
- Shirt and school tie, or polo shirt with no tie
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Black footwear (Not trainers)

All items of clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Parents and carers are asked to ensure that children attend school wearing the correct uniform each day.

3. Footwear

Children should wear black school shoes.

Footwear should be practical, comfortable and appropriate for the school day. For health and safety reasons, pupils should not wear footwear that makes it difficult for them to participate safely in normal school activities.

Trainers and sandals are not appropriate school footwear.

Reasonable adjustments will be considered where a pupil requires particular footwear because of a medical condition, disability or additional need.

4. PE Kit

For PE, pupils should wear:

- Yellow PE t-shirt (logo optional)
- Purple PE shorts
- Black PE pumps

Pupils should have the appropriate PE kit available on the days required by school.

Clothing and footwear worn for PE must allow pupils to participate safely and comfortably.

Where jewellery (such as earrings) or other items may present a safety risk during physical activity, pupils will be expected to remove these before participating. Where an item cannot be removed, the school will consider how the activity can be undertaken safely.

5. Hair

Hair should be clean, tidy and suitable for a school environment.

Long hair should be tied back when required for health and safety reasons, including during PE, practical activities, food preparation or other activities where loose hair could present a risk.

Hair accessories should be practical and appropriate for school.

We ask that hairstyles and hair colours are appropriate for a primary school environment and do not cause an unnecessary distraction to learning. The school recognises and respects hairstyles associated with a pupil's race, ethnicity, culture or religion and will ensure that uniform and appearance expectations are applied fairly and without discrimination.

6. Jewellery and Piercings

For reasons of health and safety, jewellery should be kept to a minimum.

Pupils may wear:

- One pair of small stud earrings
- A watch (not smart devices) once they are able to tell the time

Hoop, dangling or large earrings are not permitted because of the increased risk of injury.

Other visible body piercings (including nose piercings) are not considered appropriate for school and should not be worn during the school day.

Jewellery may need to be removed for PE, swimming or other activities where it presents a health and safety risk. Parents should therefore consider this when arranging new piercings, particularly during term time.

The school cannot accept responsibility for jewellery or other personal items that are lost or damaged in school.

Exceptions may be made for items worn for religious, cultural or medical reasons, following discussion with the school.

7. Make-up, Nails and Cosmetics

Primary-aged pupils are not expected to wear make-up to school.

Nail varnish, false nails, acrylic or gel nails and excessively long nails should not be worn, as these may present a health and safety concern and can make participation in some school activities difficult.

Pupils should not bring cosmetic products, perfumes or body sprays into school.

8. Other Accessories

Hats, caps, scarves and gloves may be worn when appropriate for the weather but should normally be removed indoors.

Any additional accessories should be practical, safe and appropriate for school.

The school may ask pupils not to wear or bring items that are considered unsafe, inappropriate or likely to cause unnecessary distraction.

9. Religious, Cultural and Medical Requirements

We recognise that some pupils may need to wear particular clothing, jewellery, hairstyles or head coverings because of their religion, culture, disability, medical needs or other protected characteristics.

The school will work positively with families to ensure that our uniform policy is inclusive and that reasonable adjustments are made where appropriate.

Parents and carers are encouraged to speak to the school if they believe their child requires an adaptation to the school's usual uniform or appearance expectations.

10. SEND and Sensory Needs

We recognise that some children with special educational needs and/or disabilities may experience difficulties wearing particular clothing, footwear or fabrics because of sensory, physical or emotional needs.

Where appropriate, reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy will be agreed between the school and the child's parents or carers. The school's priority will be to ensure that the pupil

is comfortable, safe and able to access their education while maintaining the principles of the uniform policy wherever possible.

11. Affordability

The school is committed to ensuring that its uniform remains affordable and accessible to all families.

Where possible, parents and carers should have the option to purchase generic uniform items from a range of retailers rather than being required to purchase branded items.

The school encourages the use of good-quality second-hand uniform and has a ‘good as new’ uniform rail in the school office.

Families experiencing difficulties with the cost of school uniform are encouraged to contact the school. Any conversations will be handled sensitively and confidentially.

12. Expectations of Pupils

Pupils are expected to:

- Wear the correct school uniform.
- Take pride in their appearance and represent the school positively.
- Look after their clothing and belongings.
- Follow staff instructions regarding jewellery, hair or clothing where there is a health and safety concern.

We will ensure that expectations are explained to children in an age-appropriate and supportive way.

13. Expectations of Parents and Carers

We ask parents and carers to support the school by:

- Ensuring their child attends school wearing the correct uniform.
- Clearly labelling clothing and belongings.
- Ensuring clothing and footwear are appropriate for school activities.
- Supporting the school's expectations regarding hair, jewellery, piercings, make-up and nails.
- Contacting school where there is a difficulty meeting the uniform requirements or where their child requires a reasonable adjustment.

14. Responding to Uniform Issues

The school will take a reasonable and proportionate approach where a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform.

Staff will seek to understand the reason before taking further action. We recognise that there may be financial, medical, SEND, religious, cultural or family circumstances that affect a pupil's ability to meet the uniform expectations.

Where there are repeated concerns, the school will work with parents and carers to resolve these.

Pupils will not be made to feel embarrassed or publicly singled out because of difficulties relating to school uniform.

Where an item presents an immediate health and safety concern, the pupil may be asked to remove or change the item before participating in a particular activity.

15. Equality and Inclusion

The school will ensure that this policy is implemented fairly and consistently and in accordance with its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

The school will consider reasonable adjustments and exceptions where appropriate, including in relation to disability, religion or belief, race, sex and other protected characteristics.

Our uniform and appearance expectations should never prevent a pupil from participating fully in school life.

16. Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher and Governing Body are responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy.

The policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that the school's uniform remains practical, affordable, inclusive and appropriate for the needs of our pupils and families.

Policy approved:
Review date:
Responsible person: Laura Butterworth (Headteacher)