



## **School Uniform Policy**

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**Signed: Andrew Goode (Chair of Governing Body)**

## **Introduction:**

1.1 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 on our school website.

## **Aims and objectives:**

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform is **affordable** and:

- 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.

## **Jewellery and earrings:**

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears;
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

3.2 While the school understands that some children like to get their ears pierced, this does cause some issues around PE lessons and safety. Earrings should be removed prior to PE lessons. This should be undertaken by the pupil themselves or at home and the earrings not worn to school on that day. Members of staff are not able to remove the earrings of pupils. Parents may be asked to come to school to remove these if pupils are unable to remove them.

The Association for Physical Education (afPE) issued advice that says that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended'. There have been several incidences where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape. The school please asks that you only consider getting your child's ears pierced at the very beginning of the 6 week summer holiday so they can be removed for PE lessons by the start of the new school year.

3.3 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

**Extreme haircuts and make up:**

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

4.3 Children should not wear make-up in school. This would include lipstick, eye liner, eye shadow and nail polish/varnish.

**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 or strappy sandals, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Likewise, children should not routinely wear trainers to school. They are appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

5.2 In winter time, black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school.

**The role of parents:**

6.1 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.

6.2 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, 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.

**The role of governors:**

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

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and affordable (in line with government guidance).

#### **Monitoring and review:**

8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- ensuring that we are receiving value for money from our suppliers;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.
- That we are sourcing uniform items ethically.

#### **Uniform:**

##### **Our School Uniform is:**

Grey or black trousers/shorts

Grey or black school skirt/pinafore dress

Blue and white gingham summer dress

White polo shirt (this can with or without the school logo (available from school))

Royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo on (available from school)

Black shoes

*If tights or leggings are worn under dresses or skirts, these should be black or grey.*

As part of the school uniform a Royal blue fleece jacket with the school logo can be worn. This is an optional item and **not an alternative or replacement for a school jumper/cardigan.**

##### **PE kit:**

Trainers (not plimsolls as these do not protect the feet adequately)

Navy blue or black shorts

'House coloured' T-shirt (blue/green/red/yellow with logo available from school)

As part of the PE uniform a Royal blue hoody with the school logo can be worn during PE lessons; **this not an alternative or replacement for a school jumper/cardigan.** This is an optional item (available from school).

*The Shebbear School Support Group (SSSG) hold a stock of good quality, pre-loved uniform items which they sell at very low rates. Please contact the school office for more details.*

Also available from school are sun hats, book bags and rucksacks, again with school logo, however these are optional items and not a mandatory requirement.

The school uniform is also included within our school prospectus.

***All items of clothing – including footwear – should be clearly marked with the child's name.***

NB. The school has used the DfE statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms and the DfE statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states: 'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'