



# School Uniform Policy

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### Introduction

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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on the school website.

### 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.
- Is accessible and affordable to parents and carers

### Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Parents are respectfully requested to support this requirement to prevent loss and/or injury. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears, We ask the children either to remove these studs during PE and games or have them covered with micropore tape (to be provided by the parent) to prevent loss and/or injury.



## **Extreme Haircuts & Appearance**

We like our children to have smart appearance. The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or draw attention to a child in an unhelpful way. This includes shaved heads or patterns shaved into the hair, the use of bright hair dye sprays or wearing hair gel. Long hair should be tied back with a plain band or tie for reasons of hygiene and safety.

Parents should also be aware that transfers or 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 shoes with platform soles, high heels or 'strappy' open toed sandals in school, so we do not allow them. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for PE, sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

## **Outdoor Wear**

As part of the curriculum children are encouraged to use the outdoor environment. It is essential that the children have appropriate named outdoor coats and shoes suitable for the weather.

Wellington boots may be worn to school during inclement weather but children must bring suitable shoes to change into.

## **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 their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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 religious objections, why parents 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 then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

## **The role of governors**

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

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.

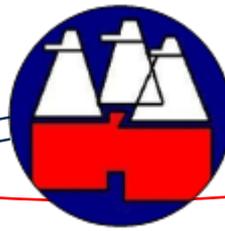
Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is affordable, hardwearing, safe and practical.

For details of current schemes for remission of cost for children eligible for free school meals please write, in confidence, to the Headteacher. Schemes are administered discreetly so that no parent need be embarrassed to ask for help.

## **Monitoring and review**

When monitoring this policy, through its normal monitoring visits, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

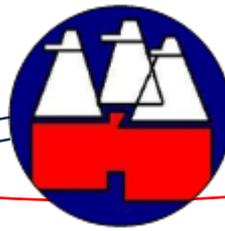


## Winter Uniform

- A navy blue V Neck Jumper **with school logo**
- A plain white shirt or blouse with buttons (with collar buttoned to the neck suitable for tie wearing)
- A blue and red striped tie
- Black shoes – must be an appropriate safe style without large heels (trainers should not be worn)
- Grey long or short school trousers for boys and optional for girls – no jogging bottoms, jeans or track suit bottoms
- Grey pinafore dress (with or without school logo) or grey skirt with white socks or grey tights
- Children must have appropriate named outdoor wear that can protect them from both cold and damp weather conditions.
- Plain dark socks with shorts or trousers.
- White socks or grey tights with skirts or pinafores

## Summer Uniform

- Summer dress in blue and white checks with white socks
- A plain white shirt with buttons together with a school tie, grey skirt and white socks.
- Grey long or short trousers for boys and optional for girls – no jogging bottoms, jeans or track suit bottoms with white buttoned shirt
- Trainer socks are not allowed.
- Children may wear suitable sunglasses and hats for playtimes.



To encourage the children to take a pride in their appearance we ask them to tuck their shirts in when they are around the school and on visits and to have their top buttons fastened.

Shirts should be long enough so that they remain tucked in and collars wide enough to allow children to feel comfortable once their top button is fastened.

## **PE/Sports Kit**

- Navy shorts
- White tee shirt (with or without school logo)
- Black plimsolls. Trainers may be worn but only for outdoor P.E. lessons.
- Tracksuits may be worn in colder weather for outdoor PE and games

## **School Uniform**

School jumpers and ties should be ordered through the school uniform supplier.

Plain plastic wallets and some other sundry items are available to be purchased from the school office and at the new entrants' induction meetings.

## **Money and Valuables**

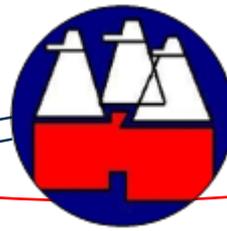
Children are discouraged from bringing money or valuables to school other than when requested by the school. Where this is unavoidable, money and valuables should never be left in cloakrooms or children's trays but given to the class teacher or school office for safekeeping until the end of the day.

## **Naming Clothing and Property**

**VERY IMPORTANT** – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

## **Lost Property**

Items mislaid by children in Reception are kept in the Reception Block.



All other mislaid items are placed in the lost property cupboard located outside the school office. Please ask the school office staff if you wish to look through this cupboard. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term.

We endeavour to return all named property.

## **Second-hand Uniform**

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office. We will be developing a second hand uniform in the future.

We also send uniform to our partner school in Bereko.

## **Review of Policy**

The Governing Body will ensure the policy is reviewed every two years.

The policy may be revised at other times if necessary to take account of any statutory regulation or associated guidance or changes in policy by Kent County Council's policy.

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