

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website or within Appendix 1 of this policy. However, in line with Durham LA non-compulsory uniform stance, we can only suggest and encourage wearing school uniform.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- creates 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

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school part from a watch.

Smart watches must not be worn. We recommend watches brought into school never exceed a value of £20. School cannot accept any responsibility for the loss of valuables.

Many children choose to have their ears pierced but in school we must remind you about our procedures for earrings as part of the school's Health and Safety Policy. Children will not be allowed to go swimming or take part in PE lessons wearing earrings. They cannot be covered with plasters or tape and must be removed completely in order to take part in sport

in school. This also includes Early Years outdoor play and outdoor play at lunchtimes and breaktimes. Earring retainers are permitted at all times.

Footwear

We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list. Trainers with colours or coloured logos or brightly coloured shoes are not permitted as they are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we actively discourage children wearing such shoes in our school.

Uniform Assistance

To ensure all students have equitable access to required school uniform, the school may be able to offer uniform assistance to families experiencing financial hardship. Parents or guardians may confidentially contact Mrs Bell for support via the school office, where eligibility will be assessed based on need. Assistance may include full or partial provision of uniforms or access. The school is committed to maintaining the dignity and privacy of all applicants throughout the process.

Pre-Loved Uniform Access

We maintain a regular stock of pre-loved uniform items in the designated area at the front of the school. Parents and carers are welcome to access this area daily and are encouraged to take any items they require, free of charge. This initiative supports sustainability and ensures that all students have access to appropriate school clothing throughout the year.

Adverse Weather

All pupils will be advised to wear weather-appropriate clothing.

For hot temperatures, this includes wearing:

- Tops that cover the shoulder area.
- Sun hats when outside.

If outside during break times, pupils not wearing sun-safe clothing will be advised to stay in an area protected from the sun, or spare clothing is provided.

For cold temperatures, this includes wearing:

- Scarfs, gloves, coats and hats when outside.
- Warm jumpers.
- Trousers, or skirts and thick tights.

The role of parents

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.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are 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 and in the first instance, parents should make representation to the Headteacher.

The role of the Academy Council

The Academy Council 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.

It is Academy Council members' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

Monitoring and Review

The Academy Council 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;
- considering, with the head teacher, 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.

Appendix 1 Uniform List

Nursery - Year 6

Most items of our uniform can be bought from High Street shops. They are also sold at [Michael Sehgal Uniform](#). PE kit items are also sold at [Emblematic](#). Please speak to Miss Whitfield or Mrs Harmer in the School Office if you need support in accessing this. We also have a stock of preloved items which we are happy for parents to access within school.

Our uniform consists of the following:

- black or grey skirt/shorts/trousers
- red sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan
- white polo shirt
- black sensible shoes or black trainers
- black indoor shoes

Our P.E. uniform consists of:

- black shorts/joggers
- black Hoodie/Sweatshirt
- house colour T-shirt
- You can purchase a P.E. kit from school.

Swimming Kit:

- Swimming costume/trunks or swimming shorts
- Towel
- Swimming Hat (can be purchased from school at a cost of £1.50)

We ask that you ensure your child's clothes are clearly marked with their name.

Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. Your child should be in shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. In the interests of Health and Safety, tight skirts/dresses, sun dresses, sleeveless t-shirts and crop tops, are not permitted.

EYFS

As whole school uniform but children are permitted to wear black leggings or black jogging bottoms for ease in EYFS.

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children as the safety and protection of children is of paramount importance to everyone in this school. We work hard to create a culture of vigilance and at all times we will ensure what is best in the interests of all children.

We believe that all children have the right to be safe in our society. We recognise that we have a duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children by creating a positive school atmosphere through our teaching and learning, pastoral support and care for both pupils and school personnel, training for school personnel and with working with parents. We teach all our children about safeguarding.

We work hard to ensure that everyone keeps careful watch throughout the school and in everything we do for possible dangers or difficulties. We want all children to feel safe at all times. We want to hear their views of how we can improve all aspects of safeguarding and from the evidence gained we put into place all necessary improvements.

If a member of staff has any concerns in relation to the child's welfare/wellbeing the member of staff should log this on CPOMS and speak with Designated Safeguarding Lead, or appropriate team member. Further guidance can be found in the Safeguarding Policy.

Complaints

All complaints should be raised with the school in the first instance.

The details of how to make a formal complaint can be found in the School Complaints Policy.

Equality and Diversity

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of age, race, disability, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, sex, marriage & civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, religion/ belief or political/ other personal beliefs.

We believe that this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010, as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality across the Trust.

Accessibility Statement

We are committed to ensuring that our policies are accessible to all individuals. If you require this policy document in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or another language, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Immersive Reader tools are a useful way for an enhanced reading experience. PDF and word have this as a function. Your accessibility needs are important to us, and we are here to assist you in any way possible.

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