

Policy on School Uniform

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1. Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event unless requested to do otherwise. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2. 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.

3. Description of Uniform

Winter uniform consists of bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan, white or green polo shirt and grey skirt or trousers. Tights, if worn, should be grey, black or bottle green.

Summer uniform consists of a pale green gingham dress if desired, or white or bottle green polo shirt with grey shorts or trousers.

Items of clothing with the school logo can be purchased from the PTFA or Sleaford Clothing Company in Sleaford.

Shoes should be black 'school shoes' with a low heel (not trainers, boots or sandals). Boots or 'wellies' may be worn to/from school but in school time shoes (or plimsolls if necessary) are to be worn.

4. PE Uniform

On health and safety grounds we require all children to change for PE lessons. The expectation is that children will wear black or navy shorts and a plain white T shirt for indoor PE. Footwear consists of socks and plimsolls (not trainers) for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE. Some indoor PE is undertaken in bare feet. We are advised by the medical profession that verrucas can only be transmitted through water and therefore do not prevent a child from undertaking indoor PE.

A tracksuit or jogging bottoms and a tracksuit or training top in a dark colour will be required for outdoor PE in inclement weather; we ask that tops are not club affiliated.

For swimming (undertaken in the summer term) a one piece swimming costume is required for girls and swimming shorts, length above the knee, for boys.

5. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is one pair of earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children either to remove these during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster for safety reasons. Make up is not permitted, this includes nail varnish.

6. Hair

Long hair must be tied back for safety and hygiene purposes. Hair ornaments should be plain and not excessive to fit in with the uniform policy.

7. Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

8. 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. 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, e.g. 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.

9. 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.

10. Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, 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 in which the policy is being implemented.