



School Uniform Policy

1. Aims

The aims of this policy are:

- to explain the school's rationale for school uniform;
- to state various responsibilities;
- to set out the uniform code;
- to explain consultation requirements;
- to set out the school's policy for ethnic dress and religious symbols; and
- to ensure that the school's policy on equal opportunities is observed.

2. Rationale for School Uniform

The school recognises the value of having a school uniform for the following reasons:

Safety - If all the students in our school wear a clearly recognisable uniform it is easy to identify strangers. On the way to and from school it also affords a degree of safety as the students are part of a large body of young people and will look out for each other.

Preparation for the future - Many jobs require staff to wear a uniform and even if there isn't a uniform there is often a dress code. School uniform helps young people get used to dressing to a prescribed standard. It also helps them know the difference between formal and informal dress.

Value for money - Good quality school uniform is a relatively cheap way of dressing young people for school.

It makes the mornings easier - Students only have to think about their uniform and not alternatives.

Ready for work - Putting on school uniform is a signal you are going to work.

A sense of pride - We all feel proud of our young people when they are well dressed in school uniform. Uniform and team kits also help students to demonstrate pride in their school.

3. Responsibilities

The Governing Body will:

- determine the uniform requirements, taking into account the cost;
- periodically consult parents and students on the cost; and
- determine whether there should be a remission of the cost of the uniform for some students.

The Head will:

- ensure that the requirements are published to parents, students and staff;
- ensure that the requirements and policies on cost and remission of cost are clearly set out in the school brochure and website; and
- determine the action to be taken for breaches of the uniform code.

Parents will ensure students have the correct uniform.

Students will wear correct uniform at all times.

Staff will enforce uniform regulations at all times.

4. Consultation

Modifications or changes to the school uniform will be subject to a period of consultation not less than one term before the changes are introduced.

The following groups will be consulted:

- School Council
- Staff
- Parents
- (in the case of ethnic dress) SACRE and local community leaders.

Periodically the governing body will consult representatives of parents and students on the cost of school uniform.

5. The Uniform Code

It is the school's aim to ensure that the cost of buying the uniform is reasonable. For safeguarding purposes, no names are allowed on school uniforms visible to the public.

Preferred clothing

Please do not feel you have to go to the expense of having logos on your child's uniform. This is not necessary.

Girls /Boys
White t-shirt
Grey skirt or trousers (Blue gingham dress in summer)
Royal blue sweat shirt / cardigan
Suitable footwear (no heels / open toed sandals)

Sports kit (Girls and Boys)

It is essential that all children have a change of clothing for all PE activities.

- T shirt
- Shorts
- Track suit bottoms for the winter months
- Trainers for outdoor PE.

Jewellery and make up

The only permitted items of jewellery are:

- A single, small stud in pierced ears (must be taken out for PE sessions)
- A wristwatch

No make-up is to be worn.

6. Outdoor wear in classrooms

Coats and other outdoor wear should not be worn in classrooms. Storage facilities will be available within classrooms and should be used at all times.

7. Bags

Students will need a bag to carry books and equipment to and from the school, these will be stored in cloak room areas allocated to each student. A sports bag will be needed to transport PE kit.

7 Compliance

No other items are permitted within the school. If there is any reason why a student cannot conform to uniform regulations parents should contact the school.

Requests for long term changes to uniform must be put in writing and sent to the Head.

Photos showing the style of items of uniform and the way they should be worn will be made available to all families. If there are any doubts about uniform parents should contact the school.

8. Ethnic Dress

The school recognises that some students from ethnic backgrounds may wish to wear distinctive dress.

The school will determine the ethnic dress that will be allowed after consultation with representatives of parents and local leaders of ethnic groups.

No dress will be allowed that covers any part of the face from forehead to neck in the interests of safety. It is vital that the school staff can recognise at all times who is in school.

9. Religious Symbols

The wearing of religious symbols in the form of broaches or other insignia is permitted, but the broaches or insignia must not be visible.

10. Equal Opportunities

In determining and implementing the uniform policy the school will take account of the equal opportunities policy

11. Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The governing body will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.