Name of Policy	**Harbottle Uniform Policy**
Harbottle C of E (Aided) First School	
Named Person(s)	**Ms Stewart**
Review Committee	**Governing Board**
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Next review date	Summer Term 2027

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear a school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

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

• 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

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school, this includes earrings.

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

Hair

Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

Footwear

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, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

In winter time, black boots may be worn.

Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots/wellingtons should bring with them black school shoes or black plimsolls to change into.

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.

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 School Governing Board

The Governors support 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 the Governors responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

They should also ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The Governors monitor and review the school uniform policy

• 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.

The latest list and cost of items is Uniform Cost List.

The PE kit should be brought to school at the beginning of each half term and will be taken home at the end of each half term for washing.

All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child's name.

The school also has in stock items of good quality second hand uniform. Please contact the Office Manager for details of what is currently available.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-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.'