




SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Introduction

All pupils are required to wear school uniform. We want to maintain a high standard of dress and encourage the pupils to be proud of their appearance and school. Also, we wish to ensure that there are no risks to health and safety or distractions from our main focus which is learning.

We provide a complete list of the items required for school uniform aPE uniform in our school prospectus and at the school Reception.

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 pupils with the school;
- is not distracting from our main focus of learning
- makes pupils 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

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a Kara (steel bracelet) or Taweez (locket on a black string) at the discretion of the Principal. We ask the pupils to either remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a plaster or sweat bands to prevent them from causing injury.

Footwear

The school encourages all children to wear appropriate footwear. We strongly believe that children should grow into healthy adults. Trainers should be worn solely for PE, otherwise smart and sensible, black shoes (without heels) should be worn.

Hair

We ask that parents to not all allow the children to have extreme hairstyles e.g. unnatural colours, Mohican styles, shaved or partly shaved head, shaved eyebrows and shaved or cut patterns in hair.

Where hair is long enough to be tied up we request this is done so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair **must** be tied up in PE and practical Design and Technology lessons. In swimming, we request that all children wear a swimming cap.

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 Principal. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, eg 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 Governors

The Academy Council supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head teacher 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.

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

The School Council

The School Council regularly review and discuss school uniform. Their views are valued and where appropriate acted on to modify the uniform e.g. they decided the colour of the uniform, the inclusion of a school cardigan and the need for jogger bottoms worn for PE to be black. They are proud of both their uniform and of their school.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body 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
- Seeking the views of the pupils and where appropriate following their requests
- Considering, with the principal, any requests from parents for individual children to
 - have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
 - requiring the principal to report to the Governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.