

# **Uniform Policy**

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## Chair of Board of Governors

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#### Introduction

Wearing a school uniform brings a sense of belonging and unity to our school. It promotes a sense of pride in our school; and supports inclusion. Having a collective identity, which children are proud to be a part of, helps prepare them for their best learning. Additionally, it helps identify children within the school. Therefore, 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 have chosen a uniform which is affordable and accessible for all families and available through most major supermarkets.

## The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to the class teacher, a learning mentor or a senior leader of the school. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing may be loaned an appropriate item from school to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit.

#### The Role of Governors

The governing body 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 the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

#### **School Uniform List**

Items marked with a \* below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in school. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

The following should be worn:

- · Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or blue and white checked or striped dresses
- White blouse or polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt\* or cardigan\*, either plain or with the school logo
- If a summer dress is worn, plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- black, navy or grey tights
- Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Shoes must be able to be done up independently.
- Headscarves and any hair accessories should be in line with school uniform colour: white, royal blue or grey.

## P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a bag in which to keep the kit at school. This consists of:

- Black shorts or leggings; jogging bottoms and a light jacket or hoodie for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- plain black T-shirt
- a pair of plimsolls velcro fastenings are essential for younger children

## All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named.

## Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery, with the exception of earring studs in pierced ears and items of religious significance. Children are required to remove any religious items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury (for example, a Sikh Kara should be taken off or covered with a sweatband), this includes headscarves.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

## Swimming

We follow the swimming pool policy on uniform. Currently this is Harborne Swimming Baths.

## **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;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.