



School Uniform, Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school organised event outside of our normal school hours. A complete list of our school uniform can be found attached to this policy and also in our School Prospectus. This policy was written by the Governors Every Child Matters Committee taking reference from local and national guidance.

Aims & Objectives

We believe our policy is important because:

- It promotes a sense of pride in our schools;
- It encompasses a sense of feeling of community and belonging;
- It is practical and smart;
- It identifies children to our school;
- It is not distracting in class (i.e. reduces fashion competition between children);
- It allows our children to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- It is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money, by most parents/carers;
- It has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery other than wristwatches in our school. Watches should be sensible in style and design and should always be removed for physical activity.

Parents/carers should note that if they intend to have their child's ears pierced, this should be done at the start of the summer holidays, so they have time to heal. If this is not the case, the child will have to refrain from all physical activity including that at playtime and lunchtime until the earrings can be removed.

If a child comes into school in any jewellery they will be told to remove it. It will be put into an envelope and a parent/carer will have to collect it from the main office. If a pupil is unable to remove any earrings, a parent/carer will be asked to come into school to remove them.

Haircuts

Our school advises a sensible approach to haircuts and styles. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly in bands/ bobbles in natural or the school colours. We advise that children should not have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to others – for example tramlines.

Fashion Items / Other

Fashion accessories such as nail varnish, make-up and tattoos/ transfers are not permitted in school.

Footwear

We want our children to have a smart appearance with our school uniform. Shoes should be sensible, sturdy and safe for school and socks should always be worn. Many types of footwear (especially girls' fashion shoes with heels) are a potential source of accidents in school, especially in the playground.

We therefore require all our children to wear flat black shoes (or sandals in the school colours, only in summer months). It is not advised that trainers should be worn as school shoes as they can get very hot and often have a heavy tread which brings mud into school.

Children must have a change of footwear for PE activities.

Non Compliance

If a child comes into school not wearing our uniform, the child may be asked to change into suitable uniform from lost property, and for it to be returned to school at home time.

The Role of the Parent/Carer

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school for their support of the policy. We believe parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent/carers would like our school to modify this policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher.

Our school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents/carers 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/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly together 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.

Durham County Council administers the School Benevolent Fund for County Durham. This is a registered charity which offers a grant towards the clothing and shoes for school pupils. Further details about this Fund can be sought from Mrs Stavers the Parent Support Advisor at school or by directly contacting:
School Benevolent Fund, CYP5, County Hall, County Durham, DH1 5UJ and also on 0191 3836610.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through our Committee work, the Governing Body will:

- Seek the views of parents/carers, to be sure that they agree and support our policy;
- Consider, with the headteacher, any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- Require the headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every two years, or earlier – if considered necessary.

Signed:

Date:

School Uniform

Beamish	Pelton
Blue sweatshirt or cardigan White or blue polo shirt Grey dress shorts / trousers / skirt / pinafore dress Blue gingham dress may be worn in summer months Black shoes Sandals in blue, white or black in the summer months only Black, grey or white socks or tights	Red sweatshirt or cardigan White or red polo shirt Grey dress shorts / trousers / skirt / pinafore dress Red gingham dress may be worn in summer months Black shoes Sandals in red, white or black in the summer months only Black, grey or white socks or tights

PE Clothes - both schools

Indoor activities:

Plain white t-shirt or school logo t-shirt

Black shorts

Barefoot for dance and gymnastics, trainers for Games and Athletics

Outdoor activities:

As above and school sweatshirt

As above and black jogging bottoms / track suit bottoms

Black trainers

Swimming Lessons

Swimsuit or fitted swimming shorts

Towel

Swimming cap

Cardigans, sweatshirts, polo shirts, black shorts and white PE T-shirts are available with school logo, along with fleeces and coats, these can all be purchased from school.

Cheaper versions, without our school logo are available from supermarkets and some high street stores.

All items of clothing should be clearly named.