

# **School Uniform Policy**

# 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

## 2. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

All our uniform items can be purchased from a wide range of retailers and parents' therefore have the ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We would like you to purchase a school jumper with the school logo and a school book bag with the school name on as these items help to give an identity to the school. However; if parents/carers are unable to afford these items then a green jumper or green book bag can be obtained from elsewhere.

We always have a large lost property pile that is located in the school atrium and this is available to all parents and carers to acquire second hand uniform items for free.

No changes will be made to the school uniform without parent consultation.

Any complaints about our school uniform or about the policy can be made following our school complaint procedure as laid out in our School Complaints Policy.

# 3. Expectations for school uniform

#### Our school's uniform

- Black or Grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress green and white gingham dress (many parents and carers like these for the summer months).
- Green jumper or green cardigan.
- White t-shirt or shirt.
- Black school shoes (not trainers).

#### PE uniform

- Black shorts, black leggings or a black or grey tracksuit.
- White t-shirt.
- Black pumps or trainers.

Should a child attend school without wearing the school uniform they will be reminded to wear it the next day. Should this continue the child's class teacher/TA or the Parent Support Advisor will have a chat to see if any support is needed.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship is making it difficult for parents or carers to provide a school uniform for their child our Parent Support Advisor will meet with them to rectify the situation and support the pupil's and parent's needs

## 4. Where to purchase it

At the school office the following items can be purchased:

- Sweatshirts with the school logo.
- School book bags with the school name on them.
- Reversible fleece with the school logo on.
- White polo shirts with the logo on (many parents and carers like these for the summer months).

All other school uniform items can be purchased from retailers such as Tesco, Asda and Morrisons.

## 5. Religious items

There are no restrictions to children wearing items of clothing for religious reasons on a regular or irregular basis. Where possible we would like these additions to mirror the school colours to keep the identity of the school uniform. Where items of clothing or jewellery might prevent children from engaging in the full breadth of the curriculum safely, parents will be spoken to and a safe solution found.

#### 6. Governors

The governing body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The governors will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

#### 7. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every three years and reviewed by Governors.

#### 8. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- · Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- · Complaints policy