



Wolverham Primary and Nursery School

Policy on School Uniform

Introduction

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

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 children with the school
- makes children 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

School uniform

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
White or gold polo shirt, shirt or blouse
Black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
Black or brown shoes
White, black or grey socks

Physical Education

Black or navy shorts
White t-shirt
Black or navy tracksuits (for colder months)
Pumps, trainers or bare foot (for indoor activities)

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 (which have to be removed for physical education and after school P.E. clubs).

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school.

Hair

Shoulder length hair needs to be tied back at all times for both health and safety reasons. We would encourage children to have 'sensible' hair styles and ask parents to consider this when taking children to the hairdressers. Any hair style which is regarded as 'extreme' will involve the parents/carers being contacted and the child being asked to have the style changed.

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. Parents should 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents 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 are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 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.

Monitoring and review

.When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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