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1. Rationale

1.1. 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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform (see below or in our school prospectus).

1.2. We have high expectations for all our children and our school uniform is one obvious symbol where the children can share these expectations. Extremes of fashion are neither acceptable nor appropriate for school in clothes, footwear or hair styles.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 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;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- 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.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds children should not wear jewellery in school. This includes bracelets, necklaces and rings. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster. Watches may be worn however an alarm or distraction could result in the watch being confiscated. We are unable to take responsibility for any jewellery, watches or precious item brought to school should they be lost or damaged.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts/styles that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 For reasons of health and hygiene **all** long hair must be tied back at all times.

4.3 The school does not permit children to have haircuts/styles/colours that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.4 Hair fashion and decoration items should not be worn such as bandanas, large flowers etc

5 Footwear

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. The wearing of shoes with heels, flip-flops or sling-backs can be especially dangerous and children will be approached by teachers to change them if the need arises. Black sensible flat shoes, suitable for active playtimes, should be worn. Fashion boots should not be worn. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these should only be worn for PE and games sessions.

6 Other

6.1 All items on the uniform list should be school wear and not fashion items.

6.2 Denim clothes are not acceptable

6.3 Tattoos are not acceptable in school.

6.4 Nail varnish and make up should not be worn to school.

7 The role of parents

7.1 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.

7.2 It is the responsibility of the parent and child to ensure that when children are timetabled for PE and games, they arrive with the appropriate kit.

7.3 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, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests but will take account of government guidance. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then in consultation with the headteacher modifications can be made.

8 The role of governors

8.1 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.

8.2 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 and race equality.

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

9 Monitoring and review

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

- seek the views of parents
- 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 the policy is being implemented.

- 9.2** This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.
- 9.3** This policy will be monitored by the and reviewed by the School and Community Committee.

Appendix A

School Uniform List

All items on the uniform list should be school wear and not fashion items and clearly named.

Burgundy sweatshirt/fleece/cardigan
Burgundy polo top
Black/grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/knee length shorts
Red and white check summer dresses
Black/grey/white socks or tights (leggings may be worn under skirts/dresses for reasons of modesty but **MUST** be shorter than the dress or skirt)
Black shoes

PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt (no logos)
Black shorts
Sports Trainers or daps

Bags

Every child will require a school bag/ruck sack no larger than h=43cm x w=33cm x d =38cm
We recommend a drawer string PE bag

Other

A summer hat to wear outside when hot.
Black/grey tracksuits for games lessons, if weather conditions demand it.
A one piece swimming costume and towel is required when your child has swimming lessons.
An art/craft apron or shirt

Uniform Swap Shop

We stock a small selection of second hand uniform. There is no charge for these items as they should be swapped for a larger, but the same item of clothing. E.G a size 28 sweat shirt can be swapped for the next size up. All we ask is that any item you swap is clean and in good condition. (Please ask the school office for details)

Lost Property or Clothing

It is essential that **all** clothing is **clearly named**. Where clothing is labelled it can easily be returned to its owner.

Unclaimed property or clothing will be disposed of at the end of each term (6 x per year) or put into our Swap Shop.