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School Uniform Policy Sept 2022

School Uniform Policy 2022-2023 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children (including Nursery) wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours (unless otherwise stated). A complete list of acceptable items for uniform can be found in this policy.

Aims and Objectives

School uniform makes an important contribution to the ethos of the school and the work and attitude of the children. Wearing a school uniform reinforces a sense of community belonging and avoids their best clothes being spoiled. Please ensure that your child is dressed in clothes that he/she can easily manage. Younger children benefit from pull-up trousers and skirts and non-laced shoes.

Our policy for school uniform is based on:

- Promoting a sense of pride in the school
- Providing a sense of community and belonging
- It being practical and smart
- It identifies the children with the school
- It creates peer equality in terms of appearance
- It is designed with Health & Safety in mind

Uniform

The children will need red, black or white shorts and a white T-shirt for P.E. and games. P.E. lessons in the hall are usually done in bare feet, but trainers are required for outdoor lessons. Please ensure your child is provided with suitable kit. Uniform can also be purchased from local supermarkets, as long as the clothing items bought are the correct school colours. We insist on the following simple, but smart (**non branded/no logos**), uniform for all students at the school and rely on parents for their full support;

- White blouse / shirt / polo shirt
- Red jumper / cardigan / sweatshirt without logos (black for Y6 only)
- Grey skirt / pinafore / trousers / shorts / red & white gingham summer dress / joggers in Nursery & Reception – **please note skirts/dresses must be knee length**
- White, grey or black socks / tights
- Suitable black shoes for outdoors / closed toe sandals
- Plimsolls for indoors
- Reception to Y6 only – P.E. (indoors) white T-shirt and red or black shorts
- Reception to Y6 only – P.E. (outdoors) grey or black tracksuit and trainers

ONLY Year 5 & 6 pupils have the privilege of bringing in a mobile phone on the understanding;

- They hand it to the School Office/class staff where it will be kept and will only be returned at the end of the day.
- The school will not accept responsibility for these items so please ensure you have appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage.
- Children should protect their phone numbers by only giving them to trusted friends and family members.
- Please ensure you speak to your child about the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and personally-owned devices and make them aware of boundaries and consequences.
- No images or videos should be taken on mobile phones or personally-owned mobile devices without the prior consent of the person or people concerned.

Second Hand Uniform

If you would like information on second hand uniform please contact the school office and ask for the Family Support Worker.

Lost Property

All uniform should be named. Any lost unnamed uniform will be taken to lost property. Lost property still unclaimed after a realistic period of time will be sold or donated.

Bags

Book bags and shoe/P.E. bags can only be purchased through your Arbor account – these are the only uniform items with the school logo and are under £5. Please note we do not allow large backpacks as there is not room in the classrooms.

Electrical Items

Mobile phones (with the exception of Year 5 & 6 as previously stated), smart watches, tablets, iPods, MP3 players and earphones should not be brought into school.

Jewellery & Makeup

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule include earring studs (studs only) in pierced ears, a watch and jewellery linked to religion. Children must remove these items during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

No makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.

Extreme hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children and are not in keeping with the ethos of the school. This includes patterns shaved into the hair, bright or multi-coloured hair, Mohican cuts, excessive use of hair products and false hair. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

The role of Parents

We ask all parents, who send their children to our school, to support the school uniform policy. Your co-operation in ensuring that your child wears uniform to school is essential.

The role of Teachers and Support Staff

All staff will set a good example in terms of dress. This should be determined by smart professional dress and can be varied according to the activities being taught. For example, PE should be taught in appropriate clothing and footwear.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform meets regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher will ensure that pupils and staff comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body. The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.

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