

# School Uniform Policy

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### 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
- › Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- › Clarify our expectations for school uniform

### 2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- › Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- › Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- › Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- › Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- › Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- › Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- › Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with **the Headteacher**, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

### 3. 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.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- › Is available at a reasonable cost
- › Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, **by only asking that the jumper, worn over the t-shirt, features the school logo**
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 4. Expectations for school uniform

### 4.1 Our school's uniform

## Uniform

As a school we believe a smart uniform promotes unity and gives a sense of identity. We want our children to be proud of our school and wear their uniform with pride.

Children should wear a royal blue sweatshirt with the school logo, over a white polo shirt with grey or black trousers, skirts or shorts.

Children's headbands to also be in our school colours of white, black or blue.

Sensible black shoes, plain socks in black, white or grey and tights in black or grey.

In summer children may wear blue and white gingham dresses.

A warm and practical fleece is also available, with the school logo.

A blue book bag is required in Reception Class



## Hair

Any hair long enough to be tied back should be.

We actively discourage extreme hairstyles such as hair colouring, tramlines and logos or any other style that could draw attention to the child and single them out from the rest of the school.

If as a school we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable we will ask for this to be rectified.

## Jewellery

For health and safety reasons we actively discourage the wearing of all jewellery. However we do appreciate some children have their ears pierced and therefore small plain studs are allowed.

As a school we have a responsibility to ensure all children in our care are safe at all times. All jewellery, including those worn for religious observance, poses a risk of injury. We try to minimise this risk by asking that they be removed or made safe by covering with tape during all sporting activities.

## Sports Kit

Children need to be wearing the right sports kit in order to access the different types of sport on offer, both through the curriculum and for extra-curriculum sessions that the school offer. Children will complete their sessions either outside on the playground or field or in the hall when the weather is poor or the focus is gymnastics.

The following kit is essential:

For outside:

- Plain black or grey jogging bottoms
- Blue Wheelwright Lane t-shirt
- Plain black or grey sweatshirt or school jumper
- Outdoor trainers.

For inside:

- Blue Wheelwright Lane t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps with non-marking soles.



### 4.2 Where to purchase it

Our branded uniform may be purchased from [Andy Blair Schoolwear](#)

School Fleece (not essential) - £15-£16

Cardigan / Jumper - £12-£14

PE T-shirt - £12 - £14

Book bags and PE bags can also be purchased from our school office.

Non branded uniform can be found in most local retailers

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) arrange second-hand uniform sales throughout the year

Please the school office if you need further support

## 5. Expectations for our school community

### 5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact [the Headteacher](#) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

### 5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact [the Headteacher](#) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### 5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by [the Headteacher](#)

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

## 5.4 Governors

The governing board 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 board 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.

## 6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every 4 years by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

## 7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Relationship (Behaviour policy)
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy