



Over St. John's C.E. Primary School School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

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, unless specifically asked otherwise. School uniform consists of:

- Light blue polo shirt
- Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- Sensible black shoes (not trainers) which are flat and offer support, Velcro fastenings are ideal
- Grey or white socks, grey or black tights
- Optional blue/ white checked dress or grey shorts in the summer

The branded sweatshirt may be purchased from Winsford Market or obtained free of charge from the Uniform Exchange. All other items are widely available in supermarkets and other retailers.

Our PE Kit consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms in cooler weather with the addition of the school jumper.
- Black pumps or bare feet for indoor PE
- Black pumps or trainers for outdoor PE

2 Aims and Objectives

2.1 Our policy is based on the belief 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 to learning;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these

objects during PE and games or to cover them with a plaster/ microport tape. Ear-rings must be removed for swimming lessons.

4 Haircuts and Hair Accessories

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or hair accessories that could also do so, such as large bows or headbands. All children should have their hair tied up, where it is of a length to be able to do so.

5 Footwear

- 5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults and as such, we require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

6 The Role of Parents and Carers

- 6.1 We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation in the first instance, to the Head Teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents and carers 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 and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head Teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The Role of Governors

- 7.1 The Governing Board supports the Head Teacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and Review

- 8.1 When monitoring this policy, the Governing Board will:
- consider with the Head Teacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
 - require the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

- 8.2 This policy will be reviewed by the Head Teacher every two years or sooner if considered necessary.

Signed: *E Snowden* Head Teacher

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