

## Uniform Policy guidance at Acorns School

At Acorns Primary School we have designed our school uniform policy around our pupils and their needs.

Uniform in a school is important it offers pupils a sense of belonging and togetherness. It is an outward sign of our unity and promotes a sense of belonging, allowing us to clearly identify our pupils.

We want our pupils to be comfortable, and their uniform should enable them to access all learning opportunities.

The school uniform is as follows:

- Pale blue polo t-shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey or black socks
- Black school shoes
- A suitable waterproof coat appropriate for seasonal weather conditions

Summer:

- Pale blue gingham dress
- White or grey socks

Uniform can be purchased through our supplier; *top one uniform located in Fishergate shopping centre*. We encourage families to choose uniform that best supports their child's needs. We do not insist the uniform needs to be branded or have the school logo. Uniform in the school colours can be purchased from local supermarkets etc. This is parental choice. To support families, the school offers assistance with uniform costs where needed; please contact the school office for details.

**Footwear:** Footwear should be comfortable, practical, and suitable for all weather conditions. While specialist footwear is encouraged for pupils who need it, we recommend black shoes for others. To support mobility and safety, we advise that footwear has non-slip soles. Open-toed or backless shoes are not permitted due to Health and Safety reasons.

### **Physical Education Uniform**

White "T" shirts, black shorts and black plimsolls are preferred for P.E. activities and a swimming costume/trunks and towel are required for swimming lessons. It is helpful if all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. We recognise and support the requirement that modesty and privacy be observed in the code of dress for PE lessons.

Jewellery and items of value should not be brought into school, since neither School nor the Local Authority can accept responsibility for loss or damage.

**Outer wear and Outdoor Learning:** For outdoor learning, pupils should bring wellies and either a waterproof all-in-one or waterproof trousers and jacket. The school provides spare sets of waterproof clothing and wellies to ensure no one is excluded from outdoor activities due to lack of appropriate clothing.

For our younger pupils and those being supported with toilet training a spare set of clothes is also requested to ensure that children are kept comfortable at all times.

Sensory processing difficulties: We recognise that some pupils experience sensory processing difficulties that affect their tolerance. Families are encouraged to discuss any concerns with the school so that reasonable adjustments can be made that maintain a sense of belonging while prioritising pupil comfort.

At Acorns we believe that school uniform is important, but we also appreciate that for some of our children wearing a set uniform can present challenges. We operate a sensible approach which we tailor to meet the needs of all pupils in school.

This uniform policy will be reviewed annually by the leadership team in consultation with stakeholders to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our school community and complies with statutory requirements.

This document is produced in line with the Human Rights Act 1998 and the *Equality Act 2010*