



St. Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children (including our Nursery pupils) 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

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Provides a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical, affordable and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Creates peer equality in terms of appearance
- Is designed with Health & Safety in mind

Uniform

All items of school uniform should be named. Any lost unnamed uniform will be taken to lost property. Lost property still unclaimed after more than one term will be sold by the PTFA or donated.

BOYS

Grey Trousers
White shirt or white short-sleeved polo shirt
Royal Blue Sweatshirt
Black Shoes

GIRLS

Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt
White blouse or white short-sleeved polo shirt
Royal Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan
Black or Grey Tights/Black or white socks
Black Shoes

Jewellery & Makeup

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are a single pair of earring studs in pierced ears and a watch. Children must be able to independently 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, excessive use of hair products and false hair such as colourful clip-in sections. Long hair should be tied back for school in the interest of your child's safety. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Lead Teacher and the Executive Headteacher.

The role of Parents

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 dressed correctly and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. If there are serious reasons, for example, on religious or cultural grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

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 and Forest School should be taught in appropriate clothing and footwear.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Executive 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 Executive Headteacher and Lead Teacher

The Executive Headteacher, supported on a daily basis by the Lead Teacher, will ensure that pupils and staff comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body. The Executive 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.

Whilst the school would always wish to work with parents to ensure all pupils comply with this policy; in accordance with Department for Education guidance, the school can discipline your child for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform if they repeatedly ignore this policy.

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