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It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community, equality and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind

Our uniform consists of:

- royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with the school logo
- grey trousers, grey skirt, grey pinafore skirt/culottes or grey shorts
- royal blue zipped fleece embroidered with school logo
- white or pale blue polo shirt preferably embroidered with the school logo
- white or pale blue blouses or shirts
- blue check dresses or culottes for summer
- white or grey socks or tights

For P.E. children should wear:

- white T-shirt
 - navy blue shorts
 - a change footwear i.e. trainers
 - navy blue jogging bottoms in winter
 - navy blue sweatshirt
- (all reasonably priced at local supermarkets)

Jewellery

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 (which should be of a gold or silver colour only), and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster or tape (provided by the parent), to prevent them from causing injury.

Mobile Phones and Digital Watches and Fit Bits

Mobile phones should only be brought to school by children walking to or from school without an adult. Where mobile phones are brought to school they should be brought to the school office for the duration of the school day.

Digital watches/fit bits should not be worn to school. Where they are worn to school children will be asked to bring them to the school office for the duration of the school day.

GPS Trackers

GPS trackers are not to be brought onto the school premises. Safeguarding procedures in school are sufficient to keep children safe during the school day.

GPS trackers are not to be used on school trips or visits as all measures are taken to keep children safe. Using such trackers could compromise the safety of individual children, or indeed the whole group.

Hair Accessories

Hair accessories are important for children to keep their hair tidy and safe. Hair bands, ribbons, slides etc. are acceptable items to wear in hair, but must be black, royal blue or white, or a combination of these colours.

Nails

In the interest of health and safety it is not suitable for children to wear false nails of any description. We also consider it is inappropriate for children to wear nail varnish. We do not expect any child to come to school wearing nail varnish of any type or colour.

Footwear

We require all children to wear black shoes or black trainers that have no logos or coloured markings. Children may wear boots to school but will be expected to change into their shoes or trainers once at school.

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 responsibility to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

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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 on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

Preloved Uniform

The PTA hold regular second hand school uniform sales. Parents are given good notice of these sales. These sales are held at the school.

The role of governors

The governing body approves the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and offers value for money.