Wolston St Margaret's

C of E Primary School

LEARNING, BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'

MATTHEW 5;16

UNIFORM POLICY

Our Christian vision shapes all that we do: Learning, Believing, and Achieving together to "Let your Light Shine" (Matthew 5:16).

Guided by our Christian values of **Honesty, Love, Courage and Community**, we encourage all to flourish. Like a lamp set high to light its surroundings, everyone — whether timid or outgoing — is called to share their light for all to see. Our vision welcomes children and adults of all faiths and none, inspiring them to live, grow, and learn together, showing the world their unique light.

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Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo-shirts / shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. School uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents/ carers are READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE, in line with our whole-school ethos.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the Wolston St Margaret's Primary School logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. are included in this policy.

"We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers".

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school
- promote a sense of pride in our school
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified as belonging to our school
- support our commitment to inclusion
- prevent pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and suitable, with health and safety in mind
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. Small stud earrings are permitted. Children are required to cover or remove earrings at home ready for PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons, bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red, white, green or black. Hair bands should not have objects attached to them such as flowers. Hair should be of a natural colour. Dyed or permanently coloured hair is not permitted. Temporary spray-on hair colour may be worn on designated non-uniform days or other school-approved special events, provided it is fully washed out before the next school day. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat, ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts, short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

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 our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing in line with the Code of Conduct. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher 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 enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Discipline

The Head Teacher has the authority to discipline students for not wearing correct school uniform. In extreme cases, a student could be excluded for persistently failing to follow the school uniform policy. It is our intention to explore all alternatives, through consultation and discussion with parents/carers, to avoid this sanction being taken.

If a student arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. Parents/Carers will be contacted. Should the problem persist, parents/carers may be invited into school to discuss the situation.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Help providing Uniform

The PTA hold regular Pre-loved Uniform Sales of second hand school uniform to families who may require these. As well as uniforms, they can also provide PE kits, shoes and coats if required.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of green, red, black and grey. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items can be bought with the school logo on if preferred. Uniform with logos on can be purchased from Brigade Clothing UK Manufacturer & Suppliers of Quality School Uniforms & School Wear.

Our school uniform is gender neutral and consists of the following:

Nursery

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Green sweatshirt or cardigan
White or green polo shirt
White shirt or blouse
Grey/black-trousers/jogging trousers/shorts/leggings
Grey skirts/culottes
Green and white check summer dress
Wellington Boots
Wet weather Puddle Suit/waterproofs

Reception to Year 5

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Red sweatshirt or cardigan
White or red polo shirt
White shirt or blouse
Grey/black-trousers/jogging trousers/shorts/leggings
Grey skirts/culottes
Red and white check summer dress
Wellington Boots

Pupils in Year 6 are encouraged to wear a black sweatshirt – this helps them stand out as role models for our younger children.

PE Kit for all years

All pupils need a P.E. kit which they should wear to school on their allocated PE days.

Black shorts – unbranded/ logo free
Red t-shirt – unbranded/logo free
Black pumps or trainers for games only
Track-suit for outdoor use – unbranded/logo free

Acceptable Footware	**Unacceptable Footware**
	
	

(Please note that this is not an exhaustive list)

This policy will be reviewed every three years.