



## School Uniform Policy 2024 - 2025

### Revision record

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### 1. Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy and in our school prospectus.

### 2. Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform 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 in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### 3. 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 however, **children must be able to remove these independently during PE and games.**

#### **4. Make up and Cosmetics**

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the headteacher has given permission.

#### **5. Hair**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or where the haircut could produce a risk to the child's health and safety. Hair gel, wax and other 'styling' products are considered to be equivalent to make-up and cosmetics and are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back at all times. This avoids health and safety risks as well as reducing the potential spread of headlice.

#### **6. Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or unsupportive fashion shoes in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we 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. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list

#### **7. Coats**

The school wants all children to wear appropriate outdoor wear, this includes coats, jackets and fleeces. It will not accept those that are designed for leisure wear with hoods and inappropriate logo's.

#### **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 correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents may be informed of any lack of appropriate school uniform or PE equipment. The level of responsibility held by the children for their own personal presentation will be judged by the headteacher according to the age of the child and the particular circumstances.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious beliefs, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities or a medical condition, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher who will view these concerns sympathetically.