Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

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. Some items of uniform can be bought from 'Just for Kids', whilst the majority are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our School Handbook.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

2. Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

We believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

3. Jewellery, Watches, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Pupils may wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings, with one stud only in each ear lobe. Pupils with multiple ear lobe piercings must wear only one earring in each ear lobe whilst attending school. Other ear lobe earrings and all additional ear piercings must be removed or left empty during the school day.

For health and safety reasons, all earrings should be removed before participating in PE lessons. Flat or flush-fitting earrings are not exempt from this requirement. Where earrings cannot be removed due to a recent piercing, the child will not be able to participate fully in PE lessons.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobile phones are not permitted.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and navy blue in colour. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions including dyed or streaked hair, gelled hair, closely cropped/shaved head, patterned styles with words/lines, pictures or logos shaved in or styles such as Mohicans, spikes etc. Natural hair only - we want children to stand out for learning reasons only. If you are unsure whether a hairstyle is appropriate for school, please ask the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher before having it done.

All children, both girls and boys, must tie their hair back for all lessons when it is long enough. If your child attends school with their hair down, they will be given a hair bobble to tie their hair up.

4. 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 clothing will be loaned an appropriate item for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit.

Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds or SEND sensory needs, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the 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 headteacher.

If your child is pupil premium, the school will endeavour to support you with purchasing school uniform if required. Please speak with reception staff in the first instance or contact the headteacher.

5. The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing 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 enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe, practical and provides 'value for money'.

6. The role of the Headteacher

It is the responsibility of the head teacher to ensure that the school uniform policy is implemented and adhered to.

7. School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is simple, and most items can be bought from high street shops/supermarkets. Clothing with the Werrington logo can be purchased from 'Just for Kids' on Washerwall Lane.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black.

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Examples of acceptable footwear

Nike Air Force MUST have the silver tag removed if worn to school.

Examples of unacceptable footwear

If your child cannot tie their laces, please only provide them with Velcro shoes/ trainers.

All children can choose from:

- navy jumper, cardigan or fleece (hoodies or designer jumpers are not part of the uniform)
- plain white shirt or polo shirt*
- plain grey trousers or skirt
- blue gingham dress
- grey, tailored shorts
- shoes or trainers should be flat, black and appropriate for school (see examples above).

For PE all children will come to school wearing their PE kit for the whole day.

- white t-shirt*
- navy blue PE shorts or track-suit bottoms*
- trainers – Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children

Items marked with a * above, which have the embroidered school logo, can be purchased from 'Just for Kids'. Plain versions purchased at all major retailers may also be worn.

All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, other than 'Werrington Primary School'. For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. Additionally, long hair must be tied back.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name so that it can be easily identified if lost. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

8. Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

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