

Sandford Primary School

Uniform Policy

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This policy is to be reviewed every 2 years

1 Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform 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 uniform in our school prospectuses and on our school websites.

2 Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion 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 within the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Respects equality in terms of appearance and choice of clothing available
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- is 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 plain gold or silver ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with tape. It is suggested that items of value should not be worn to school. The School takes no responsibility for loss.

4 Extreme Haircuts

The School does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair, which can be tied back, must be tied back for PE lessons.

5 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 or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers or knee-high boots 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.

6 The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our schools 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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Executive Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Executive Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the schools' uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

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

8 Monitoring

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the Governing Body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it
- consider with the Executive Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations
- require the Executive Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the policy is being implemented.