

# Ullesthorpe C of E Primary School

## School Uniform Policy M1

Signed by the Governing Body:

Date reviewed by the Governing body: October 2016

Review date: Autumn 2019 or earlier if required.

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 school uniform below.

### 1. Aims and Objectives

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

- Identifies the children with the school;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is practical and smart and not distracting in class;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### 2. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. Plain watches are also permitted. We ask the children to remove all jewellery during PE. If ears have been pierced recently, earrings should be covered by the child with micropore tape.

### 3. Extreme haircuts

The school discourages haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. We also recommend long hair should be tied up for PE + Design and Technology.

### 4. 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 in 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 shoes described in the uniform list in the prospectus. Plimsolls or trainers should be provided for PE and sports.

### 5. 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.
- 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 religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.
- 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 head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

### 6. The role of governors

- The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

### 7. Monitoring and review

- The day-to-day monitoring of this policy is the responsibility of the head teacher.
- This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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### Appendix

#### School uniform:

- T-shirts – white/pale blue – no writing except school logo
- Jumper/Cardigan – blue/school logo design
- Sweatshirt/fleece– blue/school logo design
- Skirts and trousers – plain black/grey
- Black shoes

#### Games/PE kit:

- Plain Shorts black/blue
- Plain t-shirt, white/blue
- Plimsolls for indoor use/Trainers for outdoor
- Tracksuit for outdoor wear
- Studded boots when appropriate (optional)

#### Items not acceptable or encouraged:

Jeans

Clothing with offensive markings

Combat trousers

Excessive zips and chains

Large earring studs

*Pupils will be asked to remove or change unacceptable items (the school keeps a small stock of used uniform for this purpose)*

#### Sanctions:

Children will not be excluded from school for not following our uniform policy. However the following procedures have been agreed:

- Discussion with the child
- Note home in home-school diary
- Note home from head teacher to parent/carer
- Face to face discussion with parent/carer
- Refer to Governing Body