



Ashwood Park Primary School

Uniform Policy

October 2015

Responsibility	Headteacher
To be reviewed	Bi - Annually

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 in our school prospectus.

Aims of the policy

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 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

Uniform Guidance

Jewellery and Make up

On health and safety grounds, we allow children to wear one plain ring, a watch and stud earrings only - The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. No jewellery is to be worn for PE.

In the case of a child who wears jewellery to alert a medical need, the staff delivering the P.E. session will have a thorough understanding of the child's needs should a medical emergency arise.

No make-up is to be worn to school by any pupil. This includes nail varnish.

If a child comes to school with make up or nail varnish they will be asked to ensure that the following day they do not wear make-up or nail varnish. If they persist, then home will be contacted via a letter or phone call asking for co-operation with the uniform policy.

Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. We do not encourage tramlines, patterns cut into hair, or hair dyes of extreme colour.

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, slip on shoes or high heels 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.

Children who wear trainers to school will be asked to return the following day in school shoes, or to provide a letter from their parents/carers reasoning the need for trainers.

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.

We encourage parents to name all items of uniform either with indelible pen or sewn in labels.

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, e.g. 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 head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

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

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it
- consider with the head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations
- Require the head teacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years