

**St Andrew's Primary School**

# **Uniform Policy**



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## Introduction

It is our school policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or representing the school outside of the school environment. School uniform is part of the school ethos and in coming to St Andrew's Primary School parents agree to support the policy. We aim to ensure we use suppliers who provide good value for money to ensure that all parents can affordably support this policy.

We believe that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable for school wear and good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

## Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

Ensure that within our school we promote an atmosphere that encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

The Governing Body will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established cultural or religious traditions. However any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Headteacher and Governing Body.

## Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear a school uniform which consists of;

- Royal blue jumper with the school logo on
- Royal blue cardigan with the school logo on
- White polo shirt with the school logo on

- Grey or black trousers – no jeans
- Grey or black knee length skirt – no leggings
- Black, flat sensible shoes – no trainers
- Black flat boots as a winter option
- Plain grey tights

#### Summer Options

- Plain grey or black shorts
- Blue gingham dresses
- Black Sandals with socks – no open toes
- Sunhat

#### PE Kit

- Pale blue polo shirt
- Royal blue shorts
- Trainers
- Royal blue jogging suit for outdoor PE

### Jewellery

It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals can become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing. The only acceptable items of jewellery to be worn are a wristwatch and earring studs. Charity wristbands are not part of the school uniform and children will be asked to remove these.

Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs only should be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations they must be removed during all PE lessons. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed and collected by the class teacher before any PE lessons. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

### Make Up & Hair

No make up is to be worn to school and no nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes. We also ask that children do not wear temporary tattoos to school.

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour, this includes patterns shaved into short hair. Long hair should be tied back during the school day.

### **Uniform Suppliers**

We endeavour to find the best suppliers who provide good value for money. Our preferred stockists are now Brigade Uniform Direct and a link is available on the parents section of the school website.

### **Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body**

- The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community.
- The Governing Body should listen to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform and should work with parents to reach an acceptable outcome.

### **Role of the Parents/Carers**

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances arranged within school such as non-uniform days, charity events etc..
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform following the school complaints policy.

### **Racial Equality and Equal Opportunities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. St Andrew's Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

### **Non-Compliance with the Uniform Policy**

The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher may discipline a pupil for breach of the uniform policy. The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher may ask pupils to go home to change their clothes without formally excluding them. This should be for no longer than necessary to

effect the change of clothing and would only be appropriate where the change could be made quickly and easily. The Headteacher will not send a pupil home indefinitely or for longer than is necessary to change clothes or modify appearance (e.g. by having a haircut) as this could amount to an unofficial exclusion. When sending a pupil home the Headteacher or Deputy will first contact the parents or carers. The pupil will be expected to return to school immediately after his/her clothes have been changed. Failure to do so could amount to an unauthorised absence. As an alternative a spare supply of uniform is kept in school and a child may be asked to change into this.