

# **Uniform Policy**

#### Introduction

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. We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance. Uniform is available through our website link. Shirts, trousers, skirts and dresses can be bought from a wide range of stores at reasonable prices.

## 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;

## Jewellery, 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, and small objects of religious significance (piercings anywhere else on the body are not permitted). Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings (we do not allow plasters over earrings as this does not prevent potential injury). Make up and nail varnish and false nails should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

## **Footwear**

All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers **without** logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building. Children coming to school in inappropriate footwear will be asked to change into school pumps.

## The Role of Parents/Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers 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/carer 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 to wear 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, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically.

#### 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Monitoring and Review**

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

- Where necessary 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;

## **School Uniform List**

Our school uniform colour is royal blue. Most items can be bought from High Street shops.

#### For girls:

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or blue and white checked or striped dresses
- White blouse or polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, without a hood, either plain or with the North Wingfield Primary and Nursery School Logo

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. Three-quarter, calf length, leggings should not be worn.

## For boys:

- Grey/black shorts or trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt, without a hood, either plain or with the North Wingfield Primary and Nursery School Logo

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. Children who wear boots that prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes whilst inside the building.

#### P.E. Kit

- Navy blue/black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- A pair of plimsolls velcro fastenings are essential for younger children
- Navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather

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. Plasters are not permitted over earrings as this does not prevent potential harm to the child.