

ASTON ALL SAINTS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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Review date: 2018/19

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children are encouraged to 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 and objectives

We believe school uniform is important because it:-

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders 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 wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these during PE and games or cover that with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Shoes

We ask all parents to make sure that children wear a “full shoe” all year round to ensure that they can take part in the full range of school activities safely.

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. One of the responsibilities of parents is to 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 Head Teacher. 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 look sympathetically at such requests.

Although school uniform with school logo is available from a specific company and costs compare favourably with other companies, all uniform colours are available from supermarkets / department stores. This ensures parents have a wide choice of supplier and can also make their own cost comparisons. A small group of parents in school also run a nearly new school uniform shop twice a week and this is well supported by parents in school.

The school will look sympathetically on requests from families for support towards the cost of school uniform. This will be at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 regulations concerning 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

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

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- Considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- Requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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