



STOCKSFIELD AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. This policy has been reviewed to take account of the DfE Guidance on School Uniform Published May 2012 and September 2013.

The Department for Education (DfE) believes that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instill pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identify with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. We want our pupils to be proud of our school, and we want them to be proud to wear our school uniform.

Aims and objectives

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

- 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;
- 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;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class, and which can put families under unnecessary financial pressure.

School Uniform

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Green jumper / school sweat shirt / cardigan with or without school logo ✓ White Polo Shirt or Blouse ✓ Grey or black Skirt / Trousers / Shorts or pinafore ✓ Green dress (Summer) ✓ Grey, white or black socks or tights ✓ Plain Black footwear – either shoes – low heel (with no logo), laced or velcro, or trainers – MUST be plain black with no logo/brand on. ✓ No boots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Green jumper / school sweat shirt / with or without school logo ✓ White Polo Shirt or Shirt ✓ Grey or black Trousers ✓ Grey or black Shorts (Summer) ✓ Grey, white or black socks ✓ Plain Black footwear – either shoes – laced or velcro, or trainers – MUST be plain black with no logo/brand on
<p>On rainy or snowy days, children are permitted to travel to school in suitable boots, e.g. wellies, providing children have plain black footwear to change into. These boots can be any colour/design.</p>	

Our School PE Kit consists of:

Indoor	Outdoor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plain T-Shirt, preferably green, with or without the school logo, but any plain t-shirt is acceptable ✓ Plain black sports shorts, or suitable black plain leggings ✓ Plimsolls, sandshoes, or suitable trainers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plain T-Shirt, preferably green, with or without the school logo, but any plain t-shirt is acceptable ✓ Plain black sports shorts, or suitable black plain leggings ✓ Suitable tracksuit bottoms or joggers – any colour ✓ Suitable Hooded Top/ Sweatshirt - any colour ✓ Any suitable outdoor trainers

Jewellery and Hairstyles

Children are allowed to wear a suitable watch to school. We believe that this can be a valuable learning tool for children to develop their skills in telling the time. Watches should ideally be lightweight and comfortable to wear, and not too expensive. Children are also allowed to wear earrings but only in the form of small studs. Any other types of earrings are not permitted. Other types of jewellery, e.g. bracelets, necklaces etc. are not allowed in school.

It is requested by Governors that parents are fully supportive of what Governors deem as being a 'reasonable' hairstyle. Governors appreciate individuality and parents varying interpretation of the word 'reasonable'. Stocksfield Avenue Primary School defines reasonable as:

- no dyed hair
- no extremely short hair
- no excessive beads in braids
 - appropriate use of gel
- no tram lines or excessive patterns shaved into hair
 - no large hair clips or bows.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Our school policy states that footwear must be plain black. We allow children to wear trainers to school that are plain black and that have no visible brand or logo.

Medical

There may be legitimate medical reasons why children have to wear certain clothing. In this instance, parents should meet with the school to discuss this.

Action for non-compliance of uniform

If children are not wearing the correct school uniform, then the school will take action to resolve this. Parents and carers should inform the school why the child is not in school uniform. This can be face to face e.g. at the school entrance; by note letter or email; or by telephone. If no explanation is given, then school will contact the parents/carers. In the first instance this will typically be done via text message. If the child continues to attend school in the incorrect uniform then parents/carers will be contacted directly, with a suitable deadline set for the child to be in full school uniform. If the deadline is not met, or children persist in the non-compliance of school uniform then the child may be sent home to remedy the breach of school uniform

policy; this will be an authorised absence in the first instance. For continual and persistent non-wearing of school uniform then Governors may consider a fixed term exclusion.

The role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy including black footwear and jewellery. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. This will also prepare them for life in Modern Day Britain. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform including black footwear, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The role of Governors and School Leaders

The Governing Body decides on the uniform policy or dress code, and supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers 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 and prepares children to be both 'secondary ready' and for life in Modern Day Britain.

The Governing Body deals with complaints about the uniform policy and the dress code.

The Governing body of each school decides on the uniform policy or dress code, and it is the head teacher's responsibility to make sure pupils keep to the rules.

The school can discipline a pupil for breach of the school uniform policy.

The school may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school rules on appearance and uniform and in the first instance this will be authorised however following this absence will be classed as unauthorised.

The school may consider a fixed term exclusion if the pupil's disregard of uniform policy is persistent and defiant.

The Head Teacher will inform Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) if absence due to non-uniform continues.

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 Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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