



UNIFORM POLICY

1. Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school and parents/carers are expected to ensure that their children leave home for school correctly and properly dressed in uniform that is appropriate to the season and weather conditions.

2. Aims and Objectives

Wearing the Avenue Primary School Uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of belonging and being a community
- 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

3. Uniform details:

The distinctive feature of our uniform is the royal blue sweatshirt with the Avenue Primary School logo. Uniform is available from Scholars, 42 George Street, Warminster, Wilts, BA12 8QB. Telephone: 01985 847757. Scholars are open Monday to Saturday 9.30 – 12.30pm and 1.30pm-5pm. They are closed on Wednesday. All other items are readily available from high street stores.

- Royal blue sweatshirt with logo (or royal blue jumper)
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Tie (optional)
- Grey or black trousers (long or short)
- Grey or black skirt / pinafore
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Plain grey or white socks / tights.
- Royal Blue Book Bag

Please note: In summer, girls can wear blue/white gingham dresses. In extreme winter weather, plain black, calf length boots (with low heels and no fur/large buckles etc) can be worn. It is not appropriate to wear wellington boots or snow boots in school all day.

PE and Games Kit:

- White T.shirt
- Navy blue or black shorts
- Grey, blue or black tracksuit (for winter months)
- Plimsolls and/or trainers
- PE bag with drawstring

Swimming Kit: please note, long Bermuda shorts, bikinis and tankinis are not suitable for swimming lessons.

Please note: Those children who have been given an “Up and Under” t.shirt by the sports coach for their contribution in PE/games lessons, can wear this during sporting activities.

Woodland Learning Kit:

- Complete change of clothes that can be worn for outdoor learning.
- Wellington Boots
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (optional)

Please ensure all items of school uniform, including PE kit, coats, packed lunch boxes and book bags are named.

4. Hair and Make up

The Avenue Primary School does not permit pupils to have extreme haircuts (including dyed hair, shaved heads, Mohican cuts or logos etc), that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairbands, clips etc should be discreet designs and only used in order to keep hair in place. Some hair ornaments may need to be removed for PE on the grounds of health and safety. Long hair should be tied back for practical subjects including PE/Games and swimming. No make-up or nail varnish should be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake “tattoos” are not appropriate.

6. Jewellery

Inexpensive watches may be worn in Key Stage 2. However, if a watch makes disruptive noises, it should not be worn for school.

Only plain stud earrings may be worn. Other jewellery is a health and safety risk, especially at playtimes and in PE/Games/swimming lessons and should either be removed at these times or taped up.

7. Footwear

We require all children to wear the type of shoes described in the uniform list above. Trainers should not be worn to school – these are appropriate for sport but not to wear all day around school. Shoes with flashing lights, crocs, jelly shoes or those with high heels are also not acceptable.

Winter boots (as described above) and/or wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather, but shoes must be worn during the day. Flat sandals that provide firm support may be worn in summer but they must have a heel strap to ensure that the foot cannot slip off the sandal.

8. Seasonal safety

All children should be appropriately dressed for the weather. They require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet. On hot, sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by wearing a hat or cap and having SPF sun-screen applied.

9. Role of the School

Items bearing the school logo are available to purchase through the Scholars. The school will make every effort to ensure these are of reasonable quality & affordable.

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school.

Acceptance of the school's uniform policy forms part of our Home-School Agreement. In the event of the Uniform Policy not being followed, a member of staff will have a discrete discussion with the pupil and / or parents.

10. Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the uniform policy. We believe parents should 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. All items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

If any parent would like the School to modify the uniform policy, they should talk to the Head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities and if there are serious reasons e.g. religious objections or special needs, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

In cases of financial hardship, parents should contact the Head teacher to discuss.

11. 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.

12. Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this Policy, the Governing Body will seek the views of its parent governors and any representations received, to ensure there is agreement and support for the Policy.

The Uniform Policy will be reviewed every two years.

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