

Woodthorpe J.I. School

School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is our policy to encourage all children 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.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical, smart and appropriate for the school environment;
- 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;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Clothing

- School uniform consists of red jumpers or cardigans, white shirts and grey skirts or trousers, or in summer may wear red and white check dresses and knee length grey shorts.
- The sports uniform consists of red or black shorts, white t-shirts and black pumps (Years 4, 5 and 6 may wear black pumps or black trainers).
- School uniform, including sports uniform, is available from Woodthorpe Friends and at the local uniform shop.

4 Footwear

- The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high to moderate heels in school. School shoes should be black, flat or low heeled shoes with closed in toes.
- Children should have black pumps for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE.
- Boots of any kind are not to be worn indoors. If children come to school in boots they must bring school shoes to change into for indoors.
- If children are not wearing suitable footwear in accordance with this policy, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to arrange replacement footwear at the earliest opportunity.

5 Jewellery/Hairstyles

- On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule is a single stud ear-ring in each pierced ear, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games or to cover them with a plaster.
- Nail varnish is not allowed to be worn in school.
- Hair accessories should be worn for practical purposes only, not for dressing up or decoration.

- Extreme hairstyles are not allowed e.g. dyes or patterned.

6 The role of parents

- 6.1** 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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 6.2** The school asks that parents discourage their children from wearing designer or football club branded clothing and footwear to school as this can lead to discrimination and bullying.
- 6.3** If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1** The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2** 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.
- 7.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1** When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:
- review any comments/feedback from parents;
 - consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
 - review adherence to policy.
- 8.2** This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Signed:

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