

Dinnington First School 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. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

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 earring studs in pierced ears and a watch. 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 and they cannot be covered with an elastoplast.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

We do not allow children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to wear hair gel. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style. Short hair should be no shorter than a Number 2 and should not have 'Fashion' markings shaved into it e.g. tram lines, zig zags.

Footwear

Children should wear plain black shoes and if boots are worn these should also be plain black. Summer sandals should be dark in colour.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents 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 has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of staff to discuss the issues. 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. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

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 hard wearing, 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 headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of royal blue and grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in school or can be bought on line via our website, www.dinnington.newcastle.sch.uk.

Mrs Purvis in the school office can give advice on this.

- 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 Dinnington logo
- Plain white/grey short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- black, navy or grey tights

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

PE Kit:

From Reception class onwards children should have the following PE kit

- A plain t-shirt, preferably white with no logos, apart from the school logo*. For health and safety reasons this shirt should be different to the one they are wearing.
- A pair of plain shorts, dark blue or black in colour*. Jogging/track suite bottoms and a warm top, both dark in colour can be worn for outdoor PE.
- A pair of black plimsolls for indoor PE and footwear that has a good grip (either trainers or plimsolls) for outdoor PE. Outdoor footwear is not required for reception class.

All of these things should be in a bag that can be kept on a peg in the cloakroom. *