Cranborne
Church of England
First School and Nursery
Love, Learn, Fly
Do Everything in Love 1 Corinthians 16:14

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School Uniform Policy

Aims and Rationale

It is the school policy that all children shall wear the school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. The policy for the school uniform is based on the notion that it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging toward the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and protects them from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered as good value for money by parents and carers;
- Is designed with health and safety considerations in mind.

Uniform Requirements

Our school colours are blue, grey and white, and children should wear clothes of these colours only as outlined below:

Our uniform consists of;

- grey trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafore dresses
- white shirts
- royal blue jumpers or sweatshirts
- plain grey socks, plain grey tights, plain white socks
- pale blue and white checked summer dresses

The royal blue school fleece jackets are considered to be for outside wear only.

We expect children to wear safe and sensible shoes, which must be black. Trainers (black or otherwise) are not acceptable. We do not allow open-toed sandals as they are not suitable for school. Boots should not be worn in the classroom.

Hairclips and hairbands should be plain and non-decorative and blue in colour. No make up to be worn including nail varnish, no temporary tattoos.

Best Value Considerations

The affordability of the uniform has been considered and is widely available from various outlets including supermarkets and other shops. Bartletts Schoolwear, Wimborne, BH21 1EB supplies the bespoke items and keeps a stock of our uniform in the shop at all times. The range available includes sweatshirt, PE t-shirt, fleece and book bag in royal blue, with the school logo.

The governing board will make every effort to ensure that these items remain of high quality and available at a reasonable price. However, non-logo items are considered suitable as long as they conform to the school style and colour. For example, a plain royal blue sweatshirt is acceptable.

P.E. Requirements

There is some evidence to suggest that participation and enjoyment of sport is enhanced where pupils feel comfortable about their P.E. clothing.

All children are required to wear a P.E. kit for all appropriate outdoor and indoor activities on health and safety grounds.

P.E. clothes consist of a blue t-shirt and white shorts, tracksuit bottoms for the colder months, and a pair of trainers. Children will take part in indoor P.E. in bare feet. Parents are required to ensure that each item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

For those children who need to wear glasses at all times, we recommend that a retaining band be worn during P.E. to keep them secure.

Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school but those with pierced ears may wear a single stud-earring or a pair of stud-earrings to school. These must be removed on P.E. days for safety reasons.

Personal Belongings

Valuable personal belongings such as jewellery, watches, money, electronic equipment, computer games and toys are not permitted in school since we cannot make provision for safe-keeping and they will not be used during school time.

We have very limited cloakroom space and cannot accommodate large bags.

Reasonable Requests for Variation of Uniform

Requests for variations to the school uniform which are directly related to particular established social, religious or cultural traditions will be considered on an individual basis by the Headteacher. Legitimate requests for variation under health grounds will also be considered and will require medical evidence.

Role of Parents and Carers

We expect parents and carers to support the school uniform policy. Children should come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as dressing-up or charity fund-raising days or events. Children may often be asked to must wear the uniform when representing the school at events off school property. Children are at all times ambassadors for the school, and never more so than when larger groups are on school visits. Uniform should be kept clean and in good repair. All items should be labelled so that if lost, it may be reunited with its owner. Unlabelled, unclaimed uniform may be considered the property of the school and be donated, sold or otherwise disposed of.

Role of the School

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy will be addressed and by any member of staff in the following way:

- In the first instance the class teacher will talk to the child's parent regarding the explanation for non-compliance and any possible remedial action that might be required.
- A letter may also be sent home to parents/carers outlining what clothing item falls outside the policy.
- Where there is continued failure to comply with the policy parents or carers will be invited into school to meet with the Headteacher to resolve the problem.

Policy Considerations

The policy has been formulated with consideration of the following guidelines:

1. Department of Education School Uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities (2013)

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