

# School Uniform Policy

## 1 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. We are setting an appropriate tone for education.

**We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.**

**Second hand uniform is available to buy every from school.**

## 2 Aims and objectives

2.1 By promoting the wearing of school uniform we aim to:

- encourage a sense of pride in themselves and the school; inclusivity, valuing differences whilst establishing a school identity and maintaining high standards
- enable discrete flexibility
- promote equality and equity.

## 3 Jewellery and Religious Garments

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. We advise that pupils have their ears pierced during the summer holidays so that they do not miss PE lessons.

3.2 Religious garments can be worn, however bands need to be covered during P.E.

3.3 Some religions and beliefs require the wearing of a particular dress code. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner.

3.4 We will aim to be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within a school uniform policy and a Governing Board should act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

3.5 The wearing of watches (for the purpose of learning to tell the time) is encouraged along with Fitbits for a good sense of health. Smart watches which take photos and have Internet access/connectivity are not allowed for Safeguarding reasons.

## **4 Hair**

Extreme hairstyles and dyed hair is not appropriate for children at primary school. The wearing of hair extensions is only permitted in hair colours which are natural for the child. Letters will be sent out to parents to remind of this should a pupil arrive with non-appropriate hair colour or extensions.

## **5 Footwear**

Black shoes must be worn and must be flat-heeled. Boots (defined as anything coming above the ankle) or trainers or sports shoes are not to be worn. The wearing of trainers is not permitted unless there is a medical reason. Sandals may be worn, but not those with open toes (for health and safety reasons). PE shoes must be black plimsolls for all children to wear for indoor PE lessons. Trainers may be used for outdoor PE and sport only, plimsolls will still be needed for indoor PE.

## **6 The Role of Parents**

Parents have a duty to support the school uniform policy and send their child correctly dressed and ready for the school day. Where there is financial difficulties the school will discretely support.

## **7 The Role of Governors**

7.1 The Governing Board 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.

7.2 It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

## **8 Monitoring and Review**

The Governing Board monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by considering any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform. The school is mindful of inclusive practice and will therefore exercise 'discrete flexibility' where there is an identified need for such.

## Appendix 1

### Perryfields Primary School Uniform

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- White blouse/shirt (NOT Polo Shirts)
- A school tie (red and green) available from the School Office
- Green cardigan, jumper or v-neck sweatshirt
- Green jumper/fleece (for outdoor use only)
- Black shoes not boots (all year)
- Trainers must not be worn in school unless there is a medical reason to do so
- Grey, black or green tights, black, grey or white socks
- Hair bands etc. in school colours only
- NO make-up, nail varnish, jewelry or fashion accessories (simple flat hairbands are accepted)

Summer optional wear:

- Grey knee length school shorts (*not ¾ trousers*)
- Green gingham dresses

**Please note that the school will loan black pumps to pupils who attend school in trainers or boots.**

*All uniform items available from CC Uniforms, West Bromwich, Clive Marks, Bearwood or Somal Fashions, Quinton.*

For indoor Physical Education we request:

Polo shirt in their house colour (ideally with school logo)  
Black PE shorts  
Pumps

For outdoor Physical Education we request:

Track suit trousers and top in grey or black  
Trainers

Swimming (Y3/6)      Towel / Trunks (not Bermuda) / Costume (not Bikinis)

Earrings should be studs only and no other jewellery should be worn for school. No earrings to be worn on P.E. days.

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced it would be much appreciated if this were done at the beginning of the summer holidays, otherwise your child will not be able to take part in P.E. lessons until they are able to remove them by themselves.

In line with LA policy and practice, children are not permitted to cover their studs with plasters.