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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Impact on Christian Values

We believe that children taking pride in their appearance reflects the values of love and cooperation. Uniform encourages children to feel proud of their own identity within a larger connected group.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in some school-organised events outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is available on the school website and from the school office. School uniform can be purchased from www.essentialschoolwear.com/parent-ordering.
- 2 When reviewing this uniform policy, the school ensures it has met with its obligations under the [Human Rights Act 1998](#) and the [Equality Act 2010](#), in particular its duty not to unlawfully discriminate.

3 Aims and objectives

- 3.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
 - is practical and smart;
 - identifies the pupils with the school;
 - prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting;
 - makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
 - is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
 - is designed with health and safety in mind.

4 Requirements

a Uniform

Our standard school uniform consists of dark grey shorts or trousers, skirts, dresses or pinafores with purple polo shirts or lilac gingham dresses in the summer with a school sweatshirt or cardigan and white or black socks or tights. Footwear should be sturdy enough to encourage active play.

b PE Kit

Our PE uniform is simple and practical consisting of navy-blue shorts and T-shirt with a navy-blue tracksuit for colder weather. A Vine Hoody is encouraged, but not compulsory. Football kits are not permitted. Trainers are essential to encourage maximum participation.

c Footwear

Pupils are not permitted to wear shoes that may be dangerous or restrictive eg high heels, open-toed sandals. Shoes must be black and easy to put on and safe to wear. Black trainers are ideal.

d Hair

Hair must be tied back, away from the face, so good eye-contact can be established and to act as a deterrent for headlice from transferring from one head to another. Spare hairbands are available in school if required. Hair colour should be of a natural shade and having lines, words or symbols shaved into the hair is not allowed.

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Religious dress

This should be discussed with the Headteacher on an individual basis.

As a rule, headscarves are not appropriate until at least Year 6. Pupils should ensure that the face is fully visible, the scarf should be plain in nature (matching the school uniform) and not embellished with decoration or jewelry (including clips).

Pupils will be asked to remove their religious dress if they pose a health and safety risk.

The headteacher will only allow the wearing of religious dress if the pupil consents to this dress.

e Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and wristwatches. We ask the pupils to remove these objects during PE and games. Earrings may only be removed by the pupil for PE.

f Nail polish

Nail polish is not permitted; Nail polish will be removed if worn in school.

5 Vintage Vine

5.1 The Office sells second hand uniform at affordable prices.

6 The role of parents/carers

- 6.1 We ask all parents/carers who send their pupils to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their pupils to school correctly dressed and ready to learn.
- 6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher.
- 6.3 Parents should review the Forest School Policy for suitable uniform requirements.

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 the uniform policy
- 7.2 The governing body liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.3 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.4 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 The policy will be monitored and reviewed within 3 years.