



# Uniform Policy

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## **Introduction**

It is the policy of the school that all children wear uniform when attending the school or a school-organised event within or outside normal school hours.

## **Aims**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school and encourages identity with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in the school. We require all children to wear flat black shoes as stated in the uniform list unless it is playtime or PE where children may choose to wear training shoes.

## **Jewellery, Hair Styles and Make-up**

For safety and security reasons, jewellery, other than a wristwatch, should not be worn in the school. If children have pierced ears, only small studs should be worn. For health and safety reasons all watches and ear studs must be removed for P.E. and swimming. Your child is responsible for removing and storing these items of jewellery during P.E. lessons.

Please ensure that children do not have transfer tattoos during term time.

## **Hair**

Hair should be appropriately styled for the school, no mohicans, shaved heads/patterns, bright colours or extreme hairstyles. Long hair should preferably be tied back. For safety reasons, make-up and coloured nail varnish should not be worn in the school.

## **The Role of Parents**

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 the school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If children arrive at the school not wearing uniform then the following procedure will apply:

- **Day 1** - Letter sent home to parents giving them 1 full day to acquire the correct uniform.
- **Day 2** – The child will work in isolation and will not be allowed outside at playtime/lunchtime.

If children arrive at the school with an inappropriate hairstyle then the following procedure will apply:

- The child will work in isolation until the situation is resolved and the child will not be allowed outside at playtime/lunchtime. Parents will be contacted immediately by telephone.

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, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically upon such requests.

## **The Role of the Governing Body**

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 responsibility of the Governing Body to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. They also ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy annually by;

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- seeking views from the children within the school

- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform

## Uniform

- Purple cardigan or jumper with the school logo (available to buy or to order from the school office with the Caedmon Primary School logo).
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt (available to buy from local stores (e.g. Tesco) or to order from the school office).
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (no jogging bottoms, leggings or jeans).
- Plain ankle or knee-high socks or plain tights (please avoid bright colours).
- Purple and white striped or checked summer dresses may be worn in the summer in suitable weather (following the February half-term until the return in October half-term).
- Black or grey shorts in summer for boys and girls. No cycling shorts, cut-offs, leggings or long, baggy Bermuda style shorts please.



## Shoes

- Flat, plain, black school shoes (no trainers).
- Close fitting black ankle boots (no fashion boots).
- If children wish to play football on the field at breaktime/lunchtime they must bring a change of footwear. (Plimsolls are not suitable for playtime on health and safety grounds).
- In the summer, children may wear white, flat supportive sandals (no flip flops) with plain coloured socks. Please ensure that they are suitable for the school. If you are unsure please contact the school before making a purchase; we are more than happy to help.

***Sandals are not suitable for children in Nursery or Reception.***

## Coats

Please ensure that your child brings a suitable coat.

- During the winter months, children should bring a warm, waterproof coat.

## **P.E. Kit**

- All children will be provided with a P.E. kit (shorts and t-shirt)
- Please ensure your child has plimsolls/trainers.
- If your child is taking part in an outdoor activity e.g. Zenith Leisure, please ensure your child has a tracksuit or a warm sweatshirt.

**Children who need to be excused from P.E. for medical reasons must bring in a letter signed by a parent/carers.**

## **Swimming Kit**

- One-piece swimsuit for girls (no bikinis) and trunks for boys (not baggy swim-shorts) plus a towel (no goggles)
- All clothing should be labelled with the child's name.

When children go to the swimming baths they will need to take their appropriate bathing costume (see above) and a towel. These are best kept in a plastic carrier bag with the name and class of the child written on. Pupils with long hair (below the shoulder) will also need a band to tie up their hair. **If children do not bring a swimming kit one will be provided by the school for one session.**

## **Jewellery**

For safety and security reasons, jewellery, other than a wristwatch should not be worn in the school. If children have pierced ears, only small studs should be worn in the school. For health and safety reasons, the LA insists that all watches and ear studs must be removed for P.E. and swimming. Your child is responsible for removing and storing these items of jewellery during P.E. lessons. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the summer holidays when this will not interfere with P.E. lessons. **We do not accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage caused by or relating to, the wearing of jewellery.**

## **Naming Clothes and Lost Property**

Many children are careless with their personal possessions and we are constantly filling the lost property box with unclaimed items. Please help by ensuring that all property and items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.

***Every care has been taken in the compilation of this policy and the information provided is correct at the time of publication.***

***Written information that is normally provided by the school can be provided in alternative forms.***