



St Mark's C of E Junior School

Growing together, becoming all we are created to be

School Uniform Policy

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.

Aims and Objectives

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 children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children 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.

A list of our school uniform and P.E dress code is below. All new parents are given this list and is also available on the school website. All logoed uniform can be purchased from www.monkhouse.com and by searching for the school's name.

School Uniform List

- Grey trousers, of appropriate style (*no combat style or 'skin-tight' trousers / jeggings trousers*)
- Tailored grey shorts / skorts, skirt or pinafore dress, straight or pleated, of appropriate length (*no tight pencil / mini skirts*)
- White polo t-shirt (*with school logo if possible*)
- A logo embroidered navy-blue round-neck jumper or cardigan
- White, black or grey socks
- Traditional black shoes or smart, **completely black** trainer style shoes
- Navy blue striped or gingham dress – optional (Summer term only or in particularly hot weather during Spring term)

Please note: although we cannot insist that all children wear a logoed jumper / cardigan all of the time, the hope will be that children will wear logoed school uniform for most of the time.

P.E Kits

- Plain **coloured** round-necked t- shirt (logo if possible) **to match your child's house team colour.**
- Navy shorts
- Plain navy tracksuit (for colder weather) or school uniform jumpers / cardigans
- **Please do not provide branded sports hoodies. Plain navy tops or the school jumpers / cardigans should be worn, only.**
- Trainers

Please ensure that all clothing has your child's name written on it.

Other Requirements

- **Swimming kit** – children go swimming in Year 5 & 6 are required to attend a swimming course for 10 weeks if proof cannot be given that they can swim 25 metres **and** have passed the Swim Safety course. Children will need a costume or trunks and a towel. A plastic carrier bag is useful for carrying wet clothing.
- **Outdoor Learning:** Children come to school wearing suitable, old clothes. This must include long trousers / leggings / tracksuit bottoms for safety reasons. Wellies must be provided in wetter, muddier months with a change of inside shoes. Please provide layers, gloves & hats in when cold!

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we **do not** allow children to wear jewellery in our school. This includes bracelets, necklaces and earrings etc. The greatest problem this causes is with newly pierced ears. We would advise parents considering having their child's ears pierced at the start of a long holiday to avoid any difficulties. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch. We ask the children to remove this object during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury. These rules are set for the safety of all pupils.

Extreme Hairstyles / Long Hair / Hair Accessories

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes colouring and shaving hair or having false extensions. **The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.** Long hair should be tied back. All hair must be kept away from the face at all times with either clips or hair bands.

All hair accessories (hair bands, clips etc.) must be discrete, ideally, brown, black or blue; brightly coloured fashion hair accessories (e.g. bandana style hair bands, large bows etc.) should not be worn at school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults, therefore all shoes must be comfortable and support to child's feet well. Shoes that have platform soles, strappy open toed sandals, slip on pumps, sling backs or high heels must not be worn. We require all children to wear sensible, smart, black shoes. Smart trainers are permitted **if they are completely black.**

False Nails / Nail Polish / Make Up

Children should not wear false nails, nail polish, make up or temporary tattoos should not be worn for school. If this is the case, the child will be spoken to in the first instance, followed by a telephone call or letter to the parents/carers if no action is taken.

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 school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. 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.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities, therefore if any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. 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 sympathetically such requests. Those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding or families requiring help with purchasing school uniform should speak with the Headteacher or a member of the Admin Team.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers any representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Governors 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 through its committee work by:

- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests or feedback from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform is implemented.

The school governors have given due regard to their responsibilities under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Human Rights Act 1998, the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Race Relations Amendment Act 2002 as well as considering fully our Christian values, particularly Respect and Trust, when drawing up the school uniform policy. In consultation with parents, children can dress in the uniform of the gender to which they identify with.

Whilst we expect pupils to adhere to the school's uniform policy we will also be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions as the need arises.

Signed:  (Headteacher)

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