



## Uniform Policy

This policy was adopted on: July 2025

The policy will next be reviewed on: July 2027

We are journeying together, in partnership, to support and empower each other to live our lives fully as happy, confident, knowledgeable and compassionate people.

Our Christian values inspire us to serve one another and the wider community and value the world around us.

We aspire to be better than we were yesterday and for every child to feel they have achieved. We value the contribution every person makes, as unique individuals, wonderfully made in the image of God.



## 1 Introduction

- 1.1** 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 provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our school website.

## 2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** 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 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.
  - can be left at home on special occasions, e.g. to support good causes

## 3 Jewellery

- 3.1** We follow West Sussex LA guidelines. 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. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury.
- 3.2** Children are permitted to wear a watch, this must be removed before PE. The watch can be analogue or digital but should not be able to access the internet – e.g. smart watches.

## 4 Hair and Make up

- 4.1** All children are expected to maintain a clean and tidy appearance. Hair should be kept out of eyes and long hair should be tied back if shoulder length or longer. **This expectation applies to both girls and boys.**
- 4.2** The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or dyed hair that could serve as a distraction to other children.
- 4.2.2** The school does not permit children to have excessive hair adornments eg decorated hair bands, clips, bows etc.
- 4.3** The children are not permitted to wear make-up including nail varnish or false nails and if found wearing any will be asked to remove it.

## **5 Footwear**

- 5.1** 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 our school.
- 5.2** Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school unless it is their allocated PE day. This is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes on their non PE days as stated in the uniform list.

## **6 The role of parents**

- 6.1** 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.
- 6.2** If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. 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 look sympathetically at such requests.

## **7 The role of governors**

- 7.1** The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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.
- 7.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **8 Monitoring and review**

- 8.1** The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
  - considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

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- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

### 9. Fittleworth School Uniform

#### 9.1 Fittleworth School Uniform is as follows:-

- Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo.
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey skirts or pinafores
- Grey or white socks or tights. (No stripes/ multi colours etc)
- White shirts or blouses.
- Mid-blue gingham dresses
- Sensible, safe (closed toe/low heeled) black school shoes.
- Simple hair bands, ties, clips or scrunchies in school colours
- NO Boots
- Book Bag

All uniform should be ordered and paid for online via MCAS and collected from the school office.

Black shorts, black/grey leggings and joggers, checked summer dresses, grey school trousers/ shorts and white polo shirts can be purchased from any retailer. The school regularly reviews its suppliers for quality and price and we endeavour to offer you the best possible value for money.

**9.2** The children are required to wear their PE kit to school on their set days.

#### 9.3 P.E. kit comprises:-

- Blue school logo T-shirt,
- Black shorts
- Black/grey leggings or jogger
- Black trainers –These are not to replace school shoes.
- All children go bare-foot in the hall.
- Blue school jumper/cardigan or blue/black plain sweatshirt/hoody

In line with County policy, earrings or jewellery may not be worn for P.E. This has been a legal requirement since September 2000.

#### 9.4 Outdoor Wear

Children should come to school prepared for all weathers. This should include:-

- A coat suitable to the season. E.g. light raincoat in the summer/ warm waterproof coat in the winter.
- Labelled wellington Boots – Autumn and Spring terms and as necessary.

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- Sunhat (according to the weather)
- Sun protection applied before school or labelled and kept in book bag.