



Sunnybrow Primary School Uniform Policy

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○ 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.

○ 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.

2 Uniform

- The children may wear:
 - a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
 - grey trousers, skirt or shorts
 - a white polo shirt
 - a blue gingham dress
 - black shoes

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds the only items of jewellery we allow children to wear in our school are small earring studs and watches. If children arrive in school wearing unacceptable items of jewellery they will be removed by the class teacher and returned at the end of the day. A letter will then be sent to parents/ carers outlining the school policy.

Children must not wear smart watches to school that are capable of taking photographs or making recordings. If children arrive at school wearing these items they will be confiscated until the end of the day and parents will be notified.

****During PE lessons all watches must be removed and earrings removed or covered by an elastoplast. The pupil must be able to do this by themselves.**

○ Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes the shaving of letters, logos or names into a child's hair. If children arrive in school with such haircuts then a letter will be sent home outlining the school policy and the parents/ carers will be asked to rectify the child's haircut.

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○ 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, high heels, or stiletto heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; 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 black shoes as stated in the school prospectus.

○ 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 headteacher. 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 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.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

7.4 Governors accept that, even though the school is able to provide uniform at a reasonable cost, some parents may find the purchasing of uniform difficult. If parents are unable, because of financial hardship, to provide school uniform for their children, then they should discuss this with the Headteacher who may be able to offer some financial support from school funds or make grant applications.

○ 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 children and parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests 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 policy is implemented.

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