Uniform Policy

Bisley Blue Coat C of E Primary School

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1. Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event either inside, or outside of normal school hours. We provide a list of items needed in the appendix of this policy. Further details of prices, sizes etc. of the uniform are available from the school offices.

2. 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 child with the school;
- Prevents the children from coming to school in fashionable clothes or with a hairstyle that could be distracting in class;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school, is time saving in preparation for each day and is good value for money for most parents;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Jewellery, make-up and hairstyles

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery, nail varnish or make-up in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs or sleepers in pierced ears, watches, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during P.E., or cover them with a plaster (as appropriate), to prevent them from causing injury.

All long hair should be tied back during P.E. lessons. The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts, styles, hair dye/colouring or accessories that could serve as a distraction to themselves and/or the other children. For this reason, children are not allowed to wear hair gel or hair spray to school or bring hair gel or hair spray into school.

4. Footwear

We believe it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, thin straps or are backless, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. The children should wear black footwear. This may include trainers (not plimsolls) but these should be plain without a logo. Footwear should also be age-appropriate that children can put on/take off by themselves.

5. Physical Education

On days when PE/Games are taught, children may wear PE kit to school. On other days they should wear full school uniform (see appendix).

6. The role of parents

We ask all parents 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.

All items of uniform must be labelled with either nametapes, or indelible marker pen. Any P.E./swimming kit must be sent in a name-labelled drawstring bag for hanging on a peg for occasions when this is needed outside PE/Games days.

If a parent has any concerns about the uniform policy, they should follow the complaints procedure.

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 the governors

The governing body supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

8. Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Considering with the Executive Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- Requiring the Executive Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Appendix

The school colours are navy blue and yellow and all pupils are requested to follow this colour code.

Day wear

- yellow polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- navy top layer - jumper, cardigan or hooded sweatshirt (with or without the school logo)
- navy trousers, skirts or leggings
- navy shorts and blue gingham dresses may be worn in warmer weather
- navy or black shoes or black trainers.

PE wear

- sky blue polo shirt
- navy jogging bottoms, shorts or cycle shorts
- navy over layers
- trainers

Children may be loaned school kit (e.g. football or country dance) for specific activities. Children may also be given PE sweatshirts to support activities such as Sports Leaders.

Forest School and Outdoor Learning

- non-uniform (old clothes) and appropriate outer wear for the weather e.g. waterproofs, wellies or sun hats.

Children should wear appropriate clothing for the time of year e.g. coats and scarfs in the winter.

Navy over layers, and yellow polo shirts with the school logo may be purchased from the Batemans in Stroud or from www.myclothing.com online.

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