

Swallownest Primary School

School Uniform Policy



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1 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. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform can be found on the school website. Alternatively a list is available from the school office. Children should have appropriate clothing for PE - again comprehensive and common sense guidance is given in the school brochure (updated as appropriate by circular letter to parents.)

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 whilst being reasonably priced.
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could prove both excessively expensive for some parents and socially divisive 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, safety and suitability in mind - especially in PE.

3 Jewellery

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, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We require the children to remove them during PE to prevent them from causing injury. Parents should also be aware that tattoos and nail varnish are not permitted.

4 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children such as patterns shaved into the hair, dyed hair and "Mohican" style haircuts. We also do not allow children to wear excessive hair gel as this has health and safety implications.

5 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We would prefer that children wear black formal school shoes rather than trainers. If trainers are to be worn then they should be black, without coloured laces or a prominent logo. Boots may be worn to school during the winter months provided that children bring a change of footwear for internal use.

6 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. 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. If there are serious

reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, they should make representations to the headteacher.

7 The role of governors

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 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 through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of 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.