

School Uniform Policy  
**Shortstown Primary School**

## **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.

## **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.

## **3 Jewellery**

**3.1** 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 ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury.

## **4 Extreme haircuts and Make up**

**4.1** The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair bands and Headscarves should be blue or black, plain and uncluttered. No makeup should be worn in school including nail varnish.

## **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. 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. Boots can be worn to school but must be changed for school shoes in school as they pose a difficulty for children to sit and participate in some learning activities. We require all children to wear shoes 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, named 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.

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**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;
- Requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

#### Uniform Requirements

#### School book bag

##### **Winter**

Grey skirt / pinafore/ trousers

White shirt / polo shirt

Blue logo sweatshirt/cardigan

Grey socks/tights

(no leggings)

Black shoes

##### **Summer**

Blue and white checked dress

Grey skirt / pinafore/ trousers/shorts

White shirt / polo shirt

Blue logo sweatshirt/cardigan

Grey / white socks

Black shoes/sandals (no open toed)

##### **SHOES**

Black shoes no higher than 2.5 cm.

(No trainers or boots.)

**BLUE BOOK BAG** Essential for carrying letters and other communication.

##### **P.E.**

Blue / black shorts

Blue T shirt

Black Plimsolls

Blue/black tracksuit

Trainers

P.E. bag

##### **Y4 swimming**

Swimming kit—towel

all in one blue swimming costume / Blue swimming trunks (no shorts)

Swimming bag