

# Flanderwell Primary School : Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is to be found at the end of this policy.

## **Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents

## **Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule is ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note:

Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

## **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or black trainers without logos. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

## **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. 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 consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Executive Headteacher or Headteacher.

## **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **School Uniform List**

Our school uniform colour is a combination of royal blue and black/grey. Most items can be bought from high street shops. Items marked with a \* below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold from our local provider, A-Print, or from Tesco online.

#### **FS1, FS2, Year 1 and Year 2**

White polo shirts

Black or grey trousers, skirts, pinafores

Blue V-necked jumpers, sweatshirts or cardigans (with or without the logo)

Black shoes or black trainers without logos

#### **Summer uniform alternatives**

Black or grey tailored shorts

Blue summer dresses

#### **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

White shirts (short sleeves or long sleeves)

School tie

Black or grey trousers, skirts, pinafores

Royal blue V-necked jumpers, sweatshirts or cardigans (with or without the logo)

Black shoes or black trainers without logos

#### **Summer uniform alternatives**

Black or grey tailored shorts

Summer dresses

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

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. We recommend:

- shorts
- T-shirt or polo shirt
- a pair of plimsolls or trainers – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children
- jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

**\*COVID AMENDMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 – Pupils should arrive in P.E kit on P.E days. This information has been shared with all parents and carers.**

### **How will we encourage our pupils to wear school uniform?**

We encourage our parents/ carers to support their child to wear school uniform in order to help us fulfil the objectives outlined at the beginning of this policy.

Children will receive incentives for wearing school uniform in the form of house points.

The school will keep a selection of 'nearly new' spare uniform items for pupils to use if they arrive at school without school uniform.

Review of policy: **Autumn Term Governors (annually)**

