

## Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

### School Uniform Policy

#### **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.

#### **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:

- earring studs in pierced ears (these must be removed for PE/Games/Swimming/Sports clubs and events)
- an analogue watch

The school advises that parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced, do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

3.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

#### **4 Extreme haircuts**

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair must tie it back for safety reasons.

#### **5 Footwear**

5.1 Children must wear plain black school shoes (not boots). 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. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

5.2 In poor weather, wellingtons or black boots may be worn and any children coming to school who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes or black plimsolls to change into.

#### **6 The role of parents**

6.1 We expect 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.

## 7 The role of governors

7.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy.

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 Uniform

### The School Uniform is:

- Plain black school shoes, without a heel or platform (no boots)
- Plain grey trousers/skirt (at least knee length)/pinafore – Please note: **not black**
- Plain white, grey or black socks or grey tights (**not white or black tights**)
- Plain white cotton or polo shirt with collar (with or without school logo)
- Plain navy blue jumper or cardigan (with or without school logo)

### Summer uniform - (May-September only where weather permits)

- Blue and white gingham dress/grey tailored shorts

NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles.

Skirts must be at least knee length.

Head scarf may be worn for religious purposes however these should be short and close fitting to avoid any potential accidents and should be removed for PE for health and safety reasons.

The school strongly discourages the wearing of leather and expensive fashion coats/jackets since the school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of items of clothing.

### PE uniform:

- Trainers
- Plain navy blue PE sports shorts – (no logos or branding) **not black/no cycling shorts**
- Yellow T-shirt (with or without school logo – no other logo or branding)
- Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms/joggers or full length leggings along with school jumper/cardigan for the winter months (no branding or other logo) - **not black or grey**

All underwear/base layers (including thermals and 'skins') should be discrete and not visible under uniform

All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child's name.

## 9 Uniform exchange

9.1 Uniform Exchange is a Kirklees based charity who recycles good school uniform, passing it from one family to another, helping keep the costs down where needed.

We have teamed up with the Uniform Exchange and have one of their containers in school for any unused/outgrown etc items which you may wish to donate. Further information can be found on their website <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>

This policy has been devised in line with DfE "School uniforms – Guidance for schools" November 2021

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