



All Saints' C.E. (A) First School

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is All Saints' C.E. (A) First School's 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.

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 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.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear ear rings or other items of jewellery in our school. Indeed, studs can lead to injury to the neck and ears and other participants during PE and games and need, therefore to be removed at such times. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery swimming (please see "Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport", Baalpe, 2004).

We encourage parents who wish to have their child's ears pierced to do so at the start of the summer holidays giving sufficient time to heal before the school term starts.

Where parents specifically wish children wear jewellery for religious, cultural or other purposes the school should sensitively inform parents of the safety hazards these articles present. It must be stressed that the school's prime responsibility is for the safety of the pupils. In this instance, parents must inform the school in writing of their wish, and that they take responsibility in these circumstances.

In all instances jewellery should all be removed prior to a Physical Education lesson due to the increased risk of it becoming caught or causing injury to the wearer or fellow learner. The wearing of any jewellery increases the risk of injury significantly. Children must remove

jewellery themselves. Young children, unable to remove jewellery themselves should not wear jewellery on days they do physical education.

Where jewellery cannot reasonably be removed teaching staff should ensure safety for both the wearer and other participants. This may require some task differentiation. However in many cases a child would be removed from the "physical" element of part of a lesson where safety is compromised. Should the situation persist the school needs to work closely with parents to ensure co-operation.

Taping of jewellery can create a perception of safety and is not recommended. Tape can often fall off and does not reduce the risk of compression injury.

Extreme haircuts

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

Footwear

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 shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. 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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation to the headteacher. 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.

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.

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.

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