

School Uniform Policy

St. Peter's School



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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 handbook.

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 Makeup and False Nails

- 3.1 The school does not permit children to wear makeup or false nails (either temporary stick on or acrylic/gel type). The false nails are a health and safety issue both to the child wearing them and other children in school and could cause injury to both.

4 Jewellery

- 4.1 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, and wristwatch. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming to prevent them from causing injury.

5 Extreme haircuts

- 5.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or styles that could serve as a distraction to other children. For example this could be brightly coloured hair, which is not a natural colour. Pupils with long hair will be required

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to tie it back if it obstructs their learning and in all cases where it could be a health and safety issue i.e. when cooking, using design technology tools etc.

6 Footwear

- 6.1** 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. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. ‘

7 The role of parents

- 7.1** 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 and in good repair.
- 7.2** 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 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.

8 The role of governors

- 8.1** 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.
- 8.2** It is the governors’ responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and health and safety regulations.
- 8.3** The governing body will support the Headteacher if any parents/guardians are asked to keep children at home until an issue has been resolved (eg continual wearing of makeup, false nails etc). If this happens the register will be marked as an unauthorised absence until the child returns to school.
- 8.4** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical and that by not wearing jewellery or false nails adheres to health and safety regulations.

9 Monitoring and review

- 9.1** 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 Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

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- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Signed:

Designation:

Date: