

# Home Farm Primary School

## School Uniform Policy

### Introduction

1. It is our policy that all children should 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 on our school website. The school does not have separate summer and winter uniforms, but the choice of uniform items worn on any day should take into account what is healthy and safe given the weather conditions.

### Aims and objectives

2. Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
  - promotes a sense of pride in the school;
  - engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
  - is practical and smart;
  - identifies the children with the school;
  - is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
  - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
  - is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
  - has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### Jewellery

3. 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 small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or not to wear them to school on days when PE is carried out.

### Footwear

4. The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers or boots to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisure wear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

### Hair, make-up and nail varnish

5. We do not allow children to wear make-up and nail varnish in school as we believe this is not appropriate in a primary school setting. Children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.

### The role of parents and carers

6. We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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7. 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

## **The role of governors**

8. The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
9. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.
10. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Monitoring and review**

11. When monitoring this policy, the governing body will:
  - hear any views expressed by parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
  - consider with the headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
  - require the headteacher to report to the governors as appropriate on the way in which the policy is being implemented.
12. This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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## Uniform list

### Our uniform is as follows:

- Smart grey trousers or shorts with crease at front
- Smart grey skirt or culottes
- White shirt or blouse (not t-shirt or polo shirt)
- Red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Red tie (elasticated at KS1)
- Red and white checked summer dress
- Sensible black shoes, no boots or trainers
- Grey, white or red socks – ankle or below the knee
- Grey, white or red tights.

### PE kit:

- White or black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black plimsolls or black trainers
- Black or red tracksuit for cold weather

### Swimming kit (summer term only)

- One-piece swimming costume or swimming trunks (not baggy shorts)
- Towel
- Swimming hat (available from school office)

For Year 6 children, a Student Leader striped tie is available to purchase from the school. All of our Year 6 children become Student Leaders in September in year 6.