Beechwood Primary 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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our school website.

1.2 We have ensured that our uniform is cost effective. Whilst there is the opportunity to purchase items containing the school logo, this is not our school expectation. Items without the school badge can be sourced from a range of different local shops so that it is not placing unnecessary burden upon our families. Furthermore, the school holds a range of donated uniform items that have all been cleaned and ironed that parents can take free of charge.

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;

• makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;

• is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by 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 exception to this rule is a watch. However we do not permit watches with photographic capabilities.

We ask the children to remove watches during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school summer holidays as we do not permit children to wear earrings in school. We will only allow clear plastic stud retainer earrings

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

4 Extreme haircuts/hair accessories

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 also tie it back during PE and games activities for safety reasons.

4.3 Children are only permitted to wear small bobbles and ribbons in the school colours of black, red and white. Large fashion bows are not permitted.

5 Footwear

5.1 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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list. Crocs are not permitted in school for health and safety reasons.

5.2 In winter time, winter black shoes, wellies or black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes to change into.

6 Uniform

The School Uniform is:

grey trousers and grey socks

grey skirt or pinafore and grey/ black tights

white polo t-shirt (with or without school logo),

red jumper or cardigan (with or without school logo).

grey tailored shorts

In summer:

red and white gingham dresses/culottes with white socks

White polo t-shirt and grey trousers or shorts

a cap or sun hat

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

The school strongly discourages the wearing expensive fashion coats/jackets since the school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of items of clothing. We expect the children to bring a coat to school at all times, including during the summer.

PE kit:

Trainers

Black PE shorts

Red polo t-shirt (with or without the school logo)

Plain black tracksuit/jogging bottoms

School's Black tracksuit top available from Touchline or a plain black zip tracksuit top- Not to have a logo.

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

7.3 It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure items of clothing are clearly labelled.

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.

8.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

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;

• requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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