

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

INTRODUCTION

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.

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/hairstyles 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

In winter, girls wear a navy or grey skirt, pinafore or trousers, white shirt and school tie, navy school cardigan or school sweatshirt.

Boys wear white shirt and tie, grey trousers, and a navy school sweatshirt.

Plain black, white, navy or grey socks are preferred or dark tights (girls) with black or navy shoes.

In summer, girls may wear a navy blue and white gingham dress with a navy cardigan or sweatshirt and white socks.

Boys wear a white shirt and tie, grey trousers or shorts.

The P E uniform consists of navy blue shorts, navy blue school polo PE shirt and black pumps. Children may also bring in trainers, jogging trousers and fleeces for outdoor winter sports

Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts can be purchased from Abbiss School Shop, in Wombourne High Street. A range of other items is available, including school bags, waterproof coats, school hoodies and school caps.

3 JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, plain watches and small objects of compulsory religious significance. Children must be able to remove these themselves before a PE lesson or refrain from wearing them on the day of a PE lesson if they are not able to do so. It would be appreciated if children are to have their ears pierced that this occurs at the beginning of Summer holiday otherwise the child would be required to miss PE as they are not allowed to take part whilst wearing earrings.

4 HAIR STYLES AND ACCESSORIES

Extreme haircuts

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

By this we mean anything cut at grade 2 or above is acceptable. Lines, logos, mohawks, hair braids, shavings and hair dye are not acceptable - please save these styles for holidays.

Hair accessories should also not be distracting. Abbiss sell school scrunchies in school colours. Other acceptable hair accessories are plain head bands, clips, bobbles or small bows in school colours- no jojo bows please.

5.NAIL VARNISH AND TEMPORARY TATTOOS

Neither nail varnish or temporary tattoos should be worn in school. There may be times when these are allowed (MUFTI days etc) and these will be communicated beforehand by the Head Teacher.

6. 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 or boots 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. School shoes should be black.

7.THE ROLE OF PARENTS

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.

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

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.

9 . 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.

This policy will be consulted upon and reviewed in 2018 in line with review timetable

Signed:

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