Uplands Infant & Nursery School

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Policy Title	School Uniform Policy
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Introduction

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, including trips and visits. The exceptions are planned dress down days and residential trips.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform seeks to:

- Promote a sense of pride in the school
- Foster a sense of community and belonging
- Be practical, smart and cost effective
- Make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance

School Uniform at Uplands Infant & Nursery School:

- A dark green sweatshirt or cardigan
- A white polo shirt
- Either dark grey or black trousers or skirt.

School uniform is compulsory at Uplands, however, there is no expectation that the uniform displays our school logo, this is completely parent choice.

The majority of clothes shops stock good quality school uniform, or you can purchase branded uniform direct from our supplier.

Practical, smart footwear (appropriate to the season) should be worn at all times, we generally recommend velcro shoes as these are easier to take on and off.

Parents should ensure children are dressed appropriately for the season, for example, children can bring wellies into school during winter and sun hats can be worn during the summer. If you are unsure of any of the uniform requirements, please contact the school office.

PE Kit

- T-Shirt, shorts, leggings, socks, pumps or trainers.
- Children may wear tracksuits or other suitable warm clothing for outdoor PE lessons.
- Trainers can be worn for outside PE, if PE takes place in the school hall, children will be barefoot.

Second Hand Uniform

We often have a lot of spare uniform that we are able to offer parents, we can also help parents who are experiencing financial difficulty with uniform. If you would like further details, please speak to our office team.

Health and Safety

- Children are not allowed to wear jewellery, with the exceptions of ear studs in pierced ears, watches and small objects of religious significance.
- Children are required to remove any items of jewellery for PE lessons, to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: staff are not permitted to remove earrings.
- Long hair needs to be tied back during PE.
- All footwear must be flat, practical and well-fitting, so that children can play safely and not trip.

Lost Property

- ALL items should be clearly marked with the child's name.
- Any lost items without a name will be brought to the office and placed in the lost property box situated in the main office. Any unclaimed items will be discarded at the end of each half term.

The Role of Parents and Carers

It is one of the responsibilities of parents and carers to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, well-fitting, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.
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 consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the head teacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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 enables children to

dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe, practical and cost effective for parents and carers.

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 head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform