



# Uniform Policy

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<b>Ratified by the Board of Trustees</b>	
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## **Introduction**

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear our uniform and take pride in their appearance. We hope that it will encourage a sense of identity and help foster a team spirit. We welcome the support of all parents in following these guidelines when buying clothing for school.

'Friends of Firside' sell a full range of uniform bearing the school logo. Order forms can be found on our website or from the school office. School clothing in school colours (but without the logo) is also available from local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school, including those for Physical Education, can be found in Appendix I.

## **Aims**

Our policy for school uniform is based on the belief that uniform:

- Promotes a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is practical and smart
- Prevents children from being criticized for the clothes they are wearing

## **Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery, including wristbands. The exceptions to this rule are:

- One pair of plain, small stud earrings in pierced ears
- A watch (no smart watches)
- Medical alert jewellery

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. We would encourage children to remove earrings at home before school on PE days. If your child's ears are recently pierced, you must provide medical tape to cover the earrings during PE lessons. Please note that due to Hellesdon High School's swimming pool rules, no earrings are permitted to be worn at all for swimming lessons.

Hair bands, ribbons, bows and scrunchies should be plain and either green, black or white. All hair accessories should be a reasonable size and should not have large flowers etc. attached. Extreme hair styles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have it coloured or dyed. The Headteacher reserves the right to make decisions about hairstyles.

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

## **Footwear**

All children are required to wear plain black shoes. We do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. Children are permitted to wear boots to and from school and on the playground but must change into shoes for the classroom. Ankle boots should not be worn in place of school shoes. Trainers and trainer type shoes are not permitted.

### **PE and Games**

All children have a PE lesson and a Games lesson each week. On their PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. On these days, the PE kit will be worn instead of school uniform therefore we would ask that the PE kit list is adhered to. Alternative colours to those listed or football kits are not permitted.

### **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit and that it fits, it is clean, in good repair and that it has the child's name written on every item. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request then they should speak confidentially to their child's Head of Year. 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 or medical 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 Headteacher.

### **Consequences for Incorrect Uniform**

If a child attends school without the correct uniform staff will undertake to find out why there is a breach in the uniform requirements.

- In the first instance a child will be asked to explain why they do not have the correct uniform or PE kit.
- If a child persists in wearing incorrect uniform or PE kit then the class teacher will contact the parents to inform them and offer any assistance.
- If incorrect uniform or PE kit is still being worn after this, the Headteacher will write to the parents.

### **SEN uniform adaptations**

If a child has specific SEN needs which would require adaptations to the uniform list, this can be agreed with our school SENDCo Mr Keer.

### **Monitoring**

The Local Advisory Board will monitor and review the school uniform policy every 2 years.

## **Appendix I**

### **Winter uniform**

- Black trousers or skirt (school style only)
- White collared shirt (no polo-shirts)
- Dark green V-necked pullover (school logo or plain)
- School tie (grey with green stripes)
- Black school shoes

### **Summer uniform**

- Black trousers or shorts or skirt(school style only)
- Green and white checked school dress
- White collared shirt (no polo-shirts)
- Dark green V-necked pullover (school logo or plain)
- Black school shoes

### **PE Kit**

- Full length white T-shirt
- Black games shorts
- Training shoes
- Plain, black or grey coloured tracksuit (or sweatshirt and jogging bottoms)
- School fleece (optional)