

PARK SCHOOL - SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

To be read with: Equal Opportunity 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 (this is available on the School website).

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;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes 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.

2.2 The school will consider reasonable requests to alter the school uniform, for example for genuine religious requirements and reasonable adjustments for disabled children.

3 JEWELLERY

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Pupils who have pierced ears may wear plain, small, studs only. Pupils wearing earrings must cover them with surgical tape during Games/PE.

3.2 We prefer pupils not to wear watches to school until they are learning to tell the time. When they do start to wear a watch, it should be named and must be removed during Games/PE. Watches should be plain and without other functionalities such as having access to the internet via 4G or 5G. They should not be able to access text messages, apps or any web browser. Smart watches, including some Fitbits and Apple Watches, should not be brought into School.

4 HAIR

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Pupils' hair should be kept tidy and smart looking and must not be over their eyes. Hair must be contained in such a way as to be tidy and out of the way when working. Plain blue or brown headbands and ribbons are permitted. Hair over shoulder length must be plaited.

5 FOOTWEAR

5.1 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. We require all children to wear black leather shoes as stated in the uniform list. Shoes should be polished regularly and in good condition.

6 SPORTS UNIFORM

6.1 Children should come into school wearing their sports uniform and tracksuits (and trainers) on PE/Games days. The sports uniform must be clean and well kept. For children wearing the sports uniform, the only garments allowed to be worn underneath are the official school blue base layer and the official School sports leggings which can be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions. Trainers should be predominantly white. Trainers are needed to play on the school astro during breaktime (not astro shoes). Football boots are needed by the Junior School for use in Games lessons, or matches off-site.

7 ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

- 7.1 Class teachers at line-up check that pupils are wearing their full uniform smartly.
- 7.2 When released to parents, pupils in sports uniform must be of smart appearance. At the end of the day, full tracksuit must be worn when pupils are released (trousers need to be put back on straight after PE and Games lessons). In the event of exceptional circumstances any tops or tracksuit trousers not being worn need to be in bags (not carried).
- 7.3 At the end of the day, pupils in regular uniform must be smart when released to parents. Buttons of the coat and blazer (and fleece zips) need to be done up (cardigan buttons as well if one is worn).
- 7.4 The Headteacher and all staff do their best to ensure that pupils continue to look smart after being released to parents at the end of the day.

8 THE ROLE OF PARENTS

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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 specific reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

9 MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 9.1 The Headteacher and Senior Management Team monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:
 - 9.1.1 considering the views of parents, ensuring that they agree with and support the policy;
 - 9.1.2 considering any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
 - 9.1.3 monitoring the way the school uniform policy is implemented.