



Highfield Community Primary School

Uniform Policy 2023

INTRODUCTION

It is our policy that all children should 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 within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear. This policy is also included in our school prospectus and on our website, www.highfieldprimarygateshead.co.uk

We respectfully request that before purchasing any item that is not specifically listed that you check with school to ensure suitability. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe, as far as possible, a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school:
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging:
- supports positive behaviour and discipline:
- is practical and smart:
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school:
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance:
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition:
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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 the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school; this includes piercings of any kind, even when covered with plasters. If a child arrives in school with a piercing they will be asked to remove it or the parent will be contacted and required to remove it. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch, but no responsibility can be accepted by the school for watches lost on the premises.

EXTREME HAIRCUTS AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Parents should also be aware that hair braids with beads, tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of make-up are not permitted. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style.

FOOTWEAR

Children should wear black shoes to school. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity.

UNIFORM

The Highfield Community Primary School uniform can be purchased from the school supplier (Tots to Teams) In order to be consistent with colours, purchases from Tot to Teams would be the preferred option. However uniform can be purchased from other suppliers, apart from Tots to Teams, as long as they reflect the appropriate school colours as identified within our School Uniform Policy.

All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name:-

- Navy blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan
- Gold/yellow polo shirt
- Grey straight or pleated school skirt, grey trousers or grey pinafore dress. In summer: blue or yellow checked dress
- Grey, black or white socks or grey or black tights
- Black, smart footwear
- Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style.

PE – Children are encouraged to wear school PE kit on the days that they have PE or sport activities. This must be the correct PE kit as listed below.

- Plain yellow PE shirt (with or without school logo but no other logos)
- Navy blue PE shorts

- Navy blue school tracksuit
- Navy blue school hooded top
- Plain blue jogging bottoms
- Plain blue leggings (these must not have any logo/brands on them)
- Trainers for indoor or outdoor use
- Drawstring bag (clearly labeled with child's name)

Swimming (KS2)

- Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts (boys)
- One piece swimming costume (girls)
- Towel
- Hairbrush or comb (optional)
- Goggles (optional)

SCHOOL BAGS

Children should bring a suitable bag to school in which to put their homework and reading book.

EXTREME WEATHER

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or snowy weather.

As outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum, school provide nursery to Year 2 with snowsuits but they will need to provide their own wellies.

LOST PROPERTY

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

To be reviewed annually.