



# **North Park Primary School Uniform Policy**

## **Introduction**

At North Park Primary School, we expect our children to wear school uniform. A uniform reinforces in children a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. We also believe a uniform can address issues of equality, health and safety and expense; these have all been considered in the development of this policy.

## **Aims**

The school believes the following are the benefits derived from the wearing of school uniform by all children.

- ❖ Promotes a sense of identity and pride in our school
- ❖ Promotes equality amongst all children
- ❖ Is practical and smart
- ❖ Reduces competition amongst children to wear fashionable items for daily wear
- ❖ School uniform is functional, durable and economical
- ❖ Helps identification and safety of children in public places

## **Our uniform**

- ❖ Uniform is not specific to gender and families/children can choose either skirts/dresses or trousers.
- ❖ We always seek ways to ensure that the cost of a school uniform is not restrictive to parents and therefore it is not a requirement for children to wear clothing branded with the school logo.
- ❖ Branded items can be ordered at school and we will ensure we check for cost/quality regularly. Optional branded items include coats, PE T-shirts and polo shirts.
- ❖ Unbranded uniform items can be purchased from most supermarkets.
- ❖ We host 2x annual uniform collections where good quality items are washed and then offered second hand, free of charge to parents.
- ❖ Families can request support to obtain correct items from community funds, through school, if they need this, via the school office.
- ❖ We ask parents to ensure uniform is named. Lost property is kept in school for a short period before being recycled.
- ❖ School will also provide a book bag and PE kit bag to every child upon entry to our school; replacements can be purchased in the office.
- ❖ We recommend avoiding extreme haircuts that are a distraction to learning.
- ❖ The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at 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 Head teacher.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Jade sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black sweatshirt or cardigan for Year 6 only
- White/blue polo shirt
- Back/grey trousers, skirt, pinafore, shorts (summer)
- Optional green checked dress for summer
- Plain black footwear, without a heel

## **PE**

It is essential that children change for PE.

- We recommend a change of plimsolls or trainers for PE (trainers worn during the day can become dirty/wet in inclement weather)
- Children should wear a plain t-shirt without logos (school T-shirts are available but not essential) and shorts.
- Ideally children in KS2 should also have jogging bottoms to wear when PE is outdoors.
- A swimming kit for PE lessons (usually KS2 only) including a swimming hat.

## **Jewellery**

With safety in mind, we request that parents do not allow pupils to wear jewellery for school. Injuries to ears, necks, fingers, etc. can happen if children wear jewellery when playing or taking part in PE, and we wish to avoid such injuries wherever possible. If parents prefer for pupils to wear jewellery, the school cannot accept responsibility for injury or loss of the jewellery.

Stud earrings only should be worn and **MUST** be removed for PE, including swimming. In addition, if children have pierced ears they must be able to take their own earrings out. We appreciate that children do like to have their ears pierced and would advise that this be done during the six-week holiday, so that they can still be removed during school hours and for PE lessons. Children will be asked to remove any dangling earrings, necklaces or bracelets, for health and safety reasons.

## **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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good condition. We always seek to support families financially with the costs of uniforms if required and requests for support can be made to the school office. All requests are confidential.

## **Governors**

The governing body supports the school in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 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.

## **Monitoring and review**

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Head teacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.