

# School Uniform



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### 1 Strategy

- 1.1 Blakedown CE Primary School is committed to creating an environment where all children feel that they belong so that they feel happy and safe and can **achieve** the highest standards.
- 1.2 It is the school policy that all children should wear the school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We aim for the children to be able to find **joy** and pride in themselves as individuals whilst contributing to the one school family.
- 1.3 The aim is for children to start to identify how they and others are '**fearfully and wonderfully made.**' Psalm 139. By being a part of the school family, knowing what they are wearing each day will allow them less distractions and enable them to **achieve** to their full potential.
- 1.4 We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our website on the school uniform page.

### 2 Policy

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;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

#### 2.2 Jewellery

- 2.2.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during P.E. and games. Children must be able to do this themselves.

#### 2.3 Extreme haircuts

- 2.3.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

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**2.4 Footwear**

2.4.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear slip on shoes, those with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school unless they are dressed in their P.E. kit ready for a sporting lesson or event. Trainers are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform on a day to day basis. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

**2.5 The role of parents**

2.5.1 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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

2.5.2 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 serious reasons, for example 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 headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

**2.6 The role of governors**

2.6.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

2.6.2 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.

2.6.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

**3. Monitor & Review**

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

3.2 seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;

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- 3.3 consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- 3.4 require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.
- 3.5 This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.