

# **St Werburgh's Primary School**

## **School Uniform Policy**



### **Rationale**

The government is currently promoting higher standards of school uniform and the Local Authority in partnership with schools, governors and unions have developed 'Guidance for Schools on School Uniform and Dress Codes'.

The purpose of this guidance is to support the development of a school uniform policy which is sensitive to the needs of and beliefs of the whole community. Schools should act fairly and reasonably, bearing in mind their duties under the Human Rights Act 1998 and antidiscrimination legislation which are explained within this document.

### **Aims**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- identifies the children with the school and encourages identity with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could create a sense of competition;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Jewellery**

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 to either remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury.

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. Shoes must be sensible and meet health and safety requirements. 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 prefer children not to wear open toed sandals in summer and we require children to bring trainers or daps/plimsoles for P.E

### **The Role of 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. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean.

If any parent/carer 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, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If there are financial reasons why parents/carers have difficulty in providing a school uniform for their child, please make an appointment to see the Headteacher or Chair of Governors.

### **The Role of Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding the 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 that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning 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**

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents/carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

St Werburgh's Primary School strives to ensure that the culture and ethos of the school are such that, whatever the heritage and origins of members of the school pupils should be provided with the opportunity to experience, understand and celebrate diversity.

This policy is dated: Sept 2012

Was reviewed: March 2018

This policy is written in accordance with policies:

- Learning and Teaching
- Confidentiality
- Race Equality
- Child Protection and safeguarding policy
- Anti-Bullying

Helen Faulkner – Headteacher

***Uniform Dress Code can be found below.***

## **Appendix: School Uniform dress code**

## St Werburgh's School Uniform is as follows:

- Pale Blue Polo Shirt with or without school logo
- Navy Blue Sweatshirt/cardigan, jumper or fleece jackets with or without school logo
- Black trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Shower proof outer with fleece lining jackets (optional).
- Light Blue gingham summer dress

Each week children must have a PE bag with:

- a white polo shirt,
- navy shorts or leggings
- trainers for PE.

It is essential and staff will insist on correct clothing for this important part of the curriculum.

Please mark all clothing clearly and securely with your child's name.

### Jewellery

Please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. It can be dangerous during physical activities. If your child has to wear items of jewellery for cultural or religious reasons, please speak to the Headteacher.

### Where to buy

Our school uniform can be purchased from:

- <https://gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-werburghs-primary-school/>
- Most supermarkets for non-logo items
- Most children's clothing stores, such as Next, M&S, Debenhams and BHS for non-logo items.