



Bawtry Mayflower Primary School Uniform Policy

Introduction

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. In many aspects this policy mirrors the uniform policy of The Hayfield School.

This policy has been developed in line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance published in September 2013. The (DfE) believes that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identify with, and support for, school ethos; ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

Aims and objectives

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;
- 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.

Our School Uniform consists of:

- ✓ Bottle green school sweat shirt / cardigan with school logo
- ✓ White shirt or blouse
- ✓ Green and yellow tie
- ✓ Grey Skirt/Trousers/Shorts
- ✓ Green and white gingham dress (Summer)
- ✓ Grey, white or black socks or tights
- ✓ Black shoes - low heel (with no logo) - No trainers or pumps

Our School PE Kit consists of:

Indoor	Outdoor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Plain White T-Shirt✓ Plain black Sports Shorts✓ Black Plimsolls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Plain White T-Shirt✓ Plain black Sports Shorts✓ Plain black Tracksuit Bottoms✓ Plain black Top/ Sweatshirt✓ Trainers

Footwear

- School shoes should be flat plain black leather or leather type material
- Boots, trainers, sandals or heeled shoes are not permitted.
- A medical note is required for permission to wear any variance in the policy

Hairstyles

- Hair to be of a similar length all over and no less than a grade 3
- Heads must not be shaved - no grade 1s or grade 2s, patterns or stripes

Religious headwear:

If a child chooses to wear a hijab due to their faith, it should be green or black.

Jewellery, nail varnish and make up:

- Jewellery, including charity bands should not be worn. Exceptions to this are:
- One stud earring in each lobe.
- Wrist watches may be worn.
- Small objects of religious significance
- No jewellery is allowed in PE lessons - if a child has recently had their ears pierced, they must bring a note and will not be allowed to take part in PE until they can remove earrings independently.
- Children must not wear make up for school
- Nail varnish is not allowed and children will be asked to remove varnish before the next school day.

The role of Parents/Carers

We believe that parents and carers 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 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 reasons, for example 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.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body decides on the uniform policy and supports the Headteacher in its implementation. It considers all representations from parents and 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.

The Governing Body deals with complaints about the uniform policy.

The Role of the Head Teacher

The Governing body of each school decides on the uniform policy or dress code, and it is the Headteacher's responsibility to make sure pupils keep to the rules.

“A head teacher, or a person authorised by the head teacher, may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. When making this decision schools need to consider the child's age and vulnerability, the ease and time it will take, and the availability of the child's parents. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. In either case the pupil's parents must be notified and the absence should be recorded. If a school is considering excluding a pupil in response to breaches of uniform policy then this must be in line with the legal requirements for exclusion.” (DFE September 2013).

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