



# Cowbit St Mary's Endowed Church of England 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. Details of the complete list of the items needed for school uniform are in the policy below.

### 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
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- 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.

### Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery (bracelets, necklaces, anklets and etc) in our school. The exceptions to this rule are simple earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. Children must remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. (We recommend taking earrings out before coming to school. Watches are allowed as long as they are not used for taking calls or messages.

### Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes lined patterns or markings, dyed hair, close shaved sides with long top and spikey gelled hair.

### Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. 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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

### 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 and in good repair.

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 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 supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents 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:

- informing parents to ensure that they are aware and support the policy
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents 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

## **Uniform**

Jade sweatshirt or cardigan

Navy or white polo shirt

Grey or black trousers (no leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans)

Grey or black skirt

Green & white stripe or checked summer dress.

Black school-styled shoes (no flip-flops, boots, trainers or high-heeled shoes)

During the summer, plain sandals may be worn as long as they strap securely and do not have a heel.

## **PE**

White T-shirt (no-collar)

Grey or black tracksuit bottoms

Grey or black shorts

Trainers or plimsolls

## **Swimming**

Plain swimming trunks

One piece swimsuit for girls

Staff will monitor and a letter will be sent home to remind parents of our expectations in regards to the school uniform.

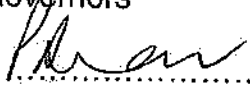
**Monitoring and review**

The Headteacher, staff and Governors will review this policy annually.

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Approved by Governors 11 / 09 / 18

Signed Chair of Governors

  
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COWBIT ST. MARY'S (ENDOWED)  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Carer,

Your child came into school wearing.....

.....which does not adhere to our uniform policy. Please ensure that

..... has ..... as soon as possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation with this matter.

Please sign and return this note tomorrow morning.

I am in receipt of the uniform slip and will attend to this matter.

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Signature