



Hemswell Cliff Primary School

Uniform Policy

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School Uniform Policy

The Board of Governors has a statutory duty placed upon it to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupils. We believe that a smart school uniform worn by all children will promote a sense of purpose and discipline which is the foundation for both personal and academic development. Moreover, it contributes to a sense of community and belonging, central to our ethos, as all our children identify with each other and their school.

The policy was updated in September 2022 to take account of DfE guidance about the affordability of uniform.

Aims

The wearing of a uniform will create a sense of identity and pride in the school. The children will learn to take pride in their personal appearance. By insisting on correct uniform, the parents will be assured that their children are wearing clothes that are appropriate and safe for school life.

Guidelines

We expect the support of all parents/carers for our policy.

It is school policy to include all our children in every activity. Provision will be made for children who, for medical or religious reasons, find the uniform inappropriate, providing they do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community. Parents must discuss the issue with the Head Teacher.

Every effort will be made to help all our children keep to the uniform; pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

If a child arrives at school without the proper school uniform, the following procedure will be put in place:

1. The uniform policy will be explained to the child in an age-appropriate way, and they will be asked to remove, if appropriate, any part that does not conform – this might include fleece jackets inside, oversized hair accessories or jewellery, unsuitable footwear.
2. If the uniform item cannot be removed in school, the pupil will be reminded of the policy and be advised that they must not wear the item in school. The teacher will speak to the parent at the end of the day.

Named uniform

All items must be clearly named so that lost property can be quickly returned. Children will be asked to write their name in any unnamed items.

Makeup

No makeup or nail varnish is allowed in school. If a child arrives at school with makeup or nail varnish, they will be asked to remove it at the earliest convenience.

Jewellery & Body Art

No jewellery, except a watch and small earring studs, are allowed in school. It is a health and safety hazard on the playground and in PE lessons and can cause distress to the child if such jewellery is mislaid. If jewellery, other than a watch and earring studs are worn, the pupil will be asked to remove it and hand it to the teacher. It will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day. This includes charitable wristbands unless consent has been given by the school. Body art, in the form of temporary tattoos and transfers, are also unsuitable for school.

Outerwear

'Hoodies' (hooded tops) present a hazard in the playground and are not appropriate in school.

Electronic devices

Mobile telephones, i-pods, communication watches or similar devices are not allowed in school. They are not covered on the school insurance and therefore, any family sending them in an overnight bag for a stay at a second home, do so at their own risk. The teacher should be made aware so that any device can be signed in at the office until the end of the day when it will be returned to the child.

Hair

Extreme haircuts, coloured hair, hair extensions and oversized hair fashion accessories are not appropriate for school. They may cause a hazard in the playground and a distraction in class. Pupils with long hair must have it tied or free from their faces during school.

Spare Clothes

It is recommended that all children in EYFS have a spare full set of clothes in their PE bag in case of accidents. This eliminates parents having to drop fresh clothes at school in the event of a toileting accident or water play. We have limited spare clothes in school in the event of an accident.

Recycled Uniform

Any unwanted items are collected and stored by the school. Once a term, there is an opportunity for parents to purchase this uniform at a nominal cost. All proceeds go back to school to purchase emergency-use uniform held in school. School is alert and sensitive to conversations with families who may need more uniform and recycled uniform may be offered to families wherever needed.

PE Kit

A PE kit for each child should be always available in school in EYFS and KS1. It is sent home at half-term to be washed and should be returned on the first day back to school. We request that children wear plain white T-shirts and dark coloured shorts/ jogging bottoms. KS2 children should arrive in school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons. All items should be named, and the kit should be held in a named PE kitbag. Should your child not have a PE kit in school, contact will be made with parents to bring it in before the lesson that day.

Non-Uniform Days

At times through the school year, we hold non-uniform days. On these days, the Uniform Policy is relaxed, and pupils can come dressed in their own clothes. In the interests of health & safety, the policy does not change for heeled shoes or boots, hair extensions/oversized accessories or jewellery, make up and nail varnish or body art.

School Visits/Sporting Events

When the children are on a school visit or attending a sporting event, it may be appropriate to change the uniform requirements for that day. If this is the case, this will be communicated to parents.

Suppliers

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