



Athersley North
Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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Uniform Policy

Intent

It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the pupils with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Implementation

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are one ear-ring stud in a single pierced ear, no sleepers of any size and no large studs.

Pupils are permitted to wear one wristwatch or medical bracelet/necklace.

Pupils are required to remove all items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for children.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and pupils should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All pupils are required to wear sensible shoes or trainers. Black shoes or trainers are preferred but not mandatory.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and P.E. kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the pupil's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Pupils who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be issued with a uniform reminder slip which will be sent home. The same system will apply for pupils who do not have a P.E. kit.

The school welcomes pupils from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their pupil to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform policy, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

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 enables pupils 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, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual pupils to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

School Uniform List

- Red (Scarlet) school sweatshirt or cardigan
- White or red 'polo' t-shirt (with traditional collar)
- Grey/Black 'School' trousers
- Grey/Black skirt or Pinafore Dress (Leggings/Joggers/Jean are NOT allowed)
- Red and white gingham summer dress (optional)
- Flat, sensible, outdoor shoes - any colour (No high heels or Wellington Boots)
- Other forms of footwear are unacceptable for safety reasons.

P.E. Kit

Pupils need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons). All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Pupils can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

P.E. kits are required to be in school at the start of the half term and are required to remain in school for the half term. If parents/carers require the P.E. kit to return home, a replacement kit must be brought into school to replace the P.E. Kit. This will ensure there is always a P.E. kit in school.

Pupils wear:

- Shorts
- T-shirt or polo shirt
- A pair of plimsolls or trainers for outdoor lessons.
- Jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- Sweatshirt for outdoor lessons in cold weather.

For health and safety reasons pupils are not permitted to wear earrings for P.E. lessons. All class P.E. days are listed on the school website.

Impact

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.