The John Hampden School Wendover

POLICY

for

UNIFORM & JEWELLERY

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School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on the school website. (see Appendix 1)

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been 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 or wrist watches (when the children are completing work relating to telling the time). We ask the children either to remove these or cover them with tape during PE and games.

Distractions, Decorations and Adornments

The school does not permit children to wear decorations or adornments that may distract them or those around them from learning. Parents should also be aware that children are not permitted to bring electronic devices to school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear anything other than traditional school shoes. We do not allow children to wear high heels, flip flops, croc type shoes. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Children should always wear socks with their shoes.

Coats

Children should bring a coat with a hood to school every day as outside learning is a regular feature of the curriculum.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of 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. Parents should 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 head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on 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

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF POLICY ON WEBSITE

School Uniform

Grey trousers or grey/navy skirts/pinafores, white shirt, navy blue sweatshirt or jumper/cardigan. Blue striped dress or grey shorts in summer.

PE kit – it is most important that all children have a PE kit. This should include navy/black shorts and a white t-shirt and black plimsolls. A track suit or jogging bottom and sweat shirt should also be provided for children in KS1.

Jewellery – children should not wear jewellery to school. Earring studs and sensible watches are acceptable although children should not wear 'Smart' devices. All earrings will need to be removed or covered with tape for PE.

We ask that all children bring a 'book bag' to school. These can be purchased from the school office with the school logo on but any similar alternative is perfectly acceptable.

Before statutory school age children are not required to wear school uniform, although they can if parents wish. Please note that we do not guarantee a paint or glue free child at the end of a session!

All children in FS, Y1 and Y2 should wear uniform. Many items with the school logo on them are available to purchase from the school office but there is no obligation to purchase these - similar alternatives from shops are perfectly acceptable. The Friends of John Hampden also sell second hand uniform at their main school events (May Fayre, Christmas Fayre etc.) and parents/carers can contact the school office if they wish to purchase second hand uniform at any other times.

All uniform, including PE kit and coats, should be clearly named. Name tapes can also be purchased via the school office

Traditional school shoes are preferred to trainers. Children should not wear “croc' type shoes to school and open toed sandals are not encouraged. Children should always wear socks with their shoes.