



# Ashlands Primary School School Uniform Policy

*"Where every child has the chance to shine"*

**This policy embodies our Ethos Statement – Safe Children at Ashlands**

## **1 Introduction**

**1.1** 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. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is enclosed in our school prospectus or a copy can be obtained from the school office or viewed on the school website.

School has a stock of good quality second hand school uniform and there are uniform sales throughout the school year. You are always welcome to pop into the school office to have a look and see if there is anything suitable.

## **2 Aims and objectives**

**2.1** Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- identifies the children with the school and promotes a sense of pride;
- generates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- 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.

## **3 Jewellery**

**3.** On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- small stud earrings for in pierced ears
- walk to school badges
- watches
- Headbands/ bobbles should be plain
- Small items of religious if significance

We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE or cover them with a plaster to prevent the risk of injury.

## **4 Footwear**

**4.1** We ask that children wear formal black school shoes when attending school. For safety reasons and to prevent injury whilst running in the playground shoes with a heel or platform sole and flip-flops are not allowed. For the same reason

we would prefer children not to wear open-toed sandals and if they do we ask that they wear socks as well.

Exceptions to the above are:

- KS2 – it is their PE day and the children are asked to attend school all day in their PE kit.
- They are on a school trip and are asked to wear another more suitable type of footwear.

## **5 The role of parents**

**5.1** 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.

**5.2** 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.

## **6 The role of governors**

**6.1** 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.

**6.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

**6.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **8 Monitoring and review**

**8.1** 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 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.

Adopted by the Governing Body in October 2020.

Signed:

Chair of Governors: Richie Williamson

Head teacher: Andrew Soutar

**Review Interval:** every 4 years