

Believe and Achieve



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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COXHOE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

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Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's 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 to be good value for money
- Is reviewed regularly to ensure that it is appropriate to current needs

Governors and parents support the wearing of uniform and recognise the contribution this makes towards the school ethos. Coxhoe Primary School also recognises the need to support students to develop sensible habits of dress and prepare themselves for dress codes in employment.

As a school, we are keen to support both our families and our environment through encouraging and facilitating recycling of school uniform. This provides access to free uniform as well as having huge added benefits for the environment; saving space in landfill, conserving energy and reducing greenhouse gases. We provide regular opportunities for this across school.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the **correct uniform and PE kit**, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the **child's name is visibly labelled** 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.

Parents will be contacted if children attend school wearing non-school uniform clothing. School can provide loaned uniform if appropriate and support will be provided to enable every child access to a full school uniform.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher and then the Governors.

Role of the school

The school will support the implementation of this policy through effective communication, strong relationships with pupils and their families and being positive role models.

They will address cases where the policy is not followed in an appropriate and sensitive manner.

School will implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;

School will support families in a sensitive and appropriate manner, sourcing uniform for families who are facing challenging circumstances.

School will seek opportunities for families to re-cycle uniform, making uniform more affordable/available to all whilst also contributing to protecting our environment.

School will ensure that our school uniform is affordable, provides best value and that it will be sustainably sourced.

Role of Pupils

Pupils will support our school family by wearing their school uniform consistently and striving to look smart at all times.

They will look after their uniform and PE kit.

They will use the school system of pupil voice to share their views.

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 children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. They will consider, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

Pupils with SEND

Where a pupil has a diagnosed sensory/physical need, an alternative uniform can be agreed by written application to our SENDCO team (**supporting evidence from a medical professional must be provided**). This must be arranged in advance so that parents and the SENDCO team can plan appropriate alternatives that maintain the school uniform aims and objectives whilst supporting a pupil's individual need.

Earrings

- For health and safety reasons and guidance from the local authority, **pupils are not permitted to wear earrings of any kind in school**.
- The **only exception is flat, discreet retainers**, which may be worn **solely to prevent a piercing from closing**.
- Retainers must be:
- Clear or skin-tone
- Flat to the ear
- Non-metal
- Hoops, studs, sleepers, bars, spacers, decorative retainers, and any other jewellery are **not allowed**.
- Parents are strongly advised to arrange ear-piercing during school holidays to avoid conflict with this policy. School will not accept taped up earrings as an option.
- If you child does wear earrings to school the office will call home and request a parent comes and removes the earrings. If a parent is not available to come and take the earrings out children will not be able to take part in any active elements of the day such as break times.

False nails

- Children must **not wear acrylic, gel, or false nails** in school.
- Please avoid nail treatments during term time.
- This rule applies during the school day, on trips, and during all extracurricular activities.
- If a pupil attends school wearing acrylic or false nails, they will be asked to remove them as soon as possible.
- The school may contact parents/carers if the nails pose a safety risk or prevent participation in practical subjects such as PE or outside break.

Useful links

<https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>

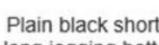
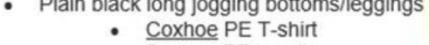
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We aim to offer our children engaging and enriching opportunities to allow them to develop the knowledge, skills and resilience they need to achieve in our everchanging and culturally diverse world.

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Appendix A

TEMPLATE IN SCHOOL COMMS

Dear Parents/Carers,

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We have noticed that has not had their school PE kit today/school uniform on several occasions. Please ensure that PE kit / clothing provided is the identified school uniform.

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If you would like any support around any areas discussed in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mrs Bartle