



School Uniform Policy

Date Agreed by Governors: May 2022

Review Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Chair of Governors)

Signed: _____ (Headteacher)

Sherdley Primary School Uniform Policy – September 2022

Introduction

At Sherdley Primary School, we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. When wearing a shirt we ask children to wear them tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance; school ties must also be worn with a shirt.

Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. There are a few limited items that we expect to have a school badge on – a school cardigan and /or school jumper.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased and proud 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
- In some cases this prepares children for the workplace
- Ensure that our badged school uniform is competitively priced in order to keep costs down for parents and carers

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair longer than collar length is deemed as long hair and therefore must be tied back and not be styled in a way that can be distracting

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and blue/white to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

Make up and nail varnish - including false nails - should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Children 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 children to wear shoes with open toes, platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor, they may be asked to change their footwear whilst inside the school building. Because our younger children spend a lot of time in our outdoors, it is also important for all children to have a named pair of wellies which are kept on welly pegs outside.

The Role of Parents

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 condition 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 – Mrs Bennett, Mrs Robertson or Mr McCoy - to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

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 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.

It is parental/carers responsibility to ensure footwear is suitable and comfortable to wear in school and on the playground.

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 Monitoring and Review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children 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 if there are to be any changes to uniform, 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.

School Uniform List

There is a school uniform at Sherdley that's consists of:

- Royal blue V-necked sweatshirts and cardigans with embroidered school logo*
- Plain pale blue shirt (long or short sleeved), pale blue polo shirts (plain or with logo*) for Early Years and for the summer term
- School Tie (clip-on, available from the school office)
- Charcoal or dark grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Pale blue checked gingham style summer dress / playsuit
- Plain white knee socks or grey tights, white ankle socks are optional for summer term with dresses/skirts
- Dark ankle socks with trousers
- Book bag (available from the school office)

Items marked with a *Embroidered tops can be purchased from HiVis, Lea Green Business Park, St Helens, WA9 4TR. Telephone – 01744 814004

Other items can be bought from High Street shops and supermarkets.

Please note skirts and shorts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

P.E. Kit

Children need to attend school on PE days in their school PE kit, with appropriate footwear. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing; please help us by naming everything.

P.E. Uniform is:

- Plain white t-shirt or polo top – NO logos
- Plain black or dark blue shorts
- A pair of plimsolls/ pumps – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children for indoor P.E. in the hall
- Sensible trainers, ideally limited in colour – NO flashing lights
- Black or dark blue jogging bottoms and **plain** sweatshirt for outdoor lessons in cold weather

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

Swimming Kit

Children going swimming must bring their kit to school in a separate bag. They will need a towel and either swimming trunks or a full swimming costume; bikinis and long swimming shorts are not allowed. Any children with long hair or longer than collar length will need it tied back in order to wear a swimming cap.

Our uniform items that can be purchased at school:

School Tie – clip on
Badged book bag
Badged winter hat
Badged summer cap
Badged draw string bag

Our uniform items available from Hi-Vis, Lea Green:

Badged royal blue cardigan
Badged royal blue V-necked sweatshirt
Badged pale blue polo shirt

All other items can be purchased from high street stores and major supermarkets.

Additional items:

Wellies for outdoors – Early Years
