**OVERVIEW**

At Alfred Sutton Primary School we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages the Sutton Six values: Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Aspiration, Caring and Compassion. The school has high standards and expectations and this is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To maintain a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging within our school

2. To promote consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude and dress.

3. To respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.

4. To avoid unnecessary clothing expense for parents.

5. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. Parents should communicate with us if there is a specific reason why their child is unable to follow this policy.

**UNIFORM**

**Uniform consists of:**

* Yellow or grey sweatshirt or cardigan – Items with the school logo can be purchased through Stevensons
* White polo shirt
* Grey trousers or grey tailored shorts
* Grey skirt or pinafore
* Black, sensible, low-heeled shoes.
* Plain grey or black tights

**All items are available via Stevensons, and are also widely available from high street shops and supermarkets.**

In summer term, yellow and white checked dresses are optional.

Children should have weather appropriate outerwear, including a warm coat for winter, weather proof jacket and sun hat in the summer term.

Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain yellow, grey, white or black in colour

Hair styles should be neat and tidy and promote our high standards of dress. Long hair should be off the face in all lessons and fully tied back for PE.

**PE kit**

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

**PE Kit consists of:**

* Plain black shorts/leggings/joggers
* Plain white round neck t-shirt (no logos)
* Black sweatshirt/hoodie (no logos)
* Sensible trainers

Children require a book bag – book bags with the school logo can be purchased through Stevenson, or plain book bags can be purchased at high street stores/supermarkets.

**Lunchboxes** should be named, stored on the year group lunchbox trolley/cupboard and taken home every day. Please note we are a **nut free school**.

**Water bottles** should be named and they will be kept in the classroom other than when taken outside/to the hall for sports activities. Children are encouraged to drink water and should not bring other drinks into school.

**Nail varnish, make up and jewellery** is not acceptable. Children may wear small, plain stud earrings which must be removed for PE and swimming. If children cannot yet remove earrings they can be covered with a plaster or tape provided by home as a temporary measure.

Children may wear small, discreet **watches** which must be removed for PE.

**Second-Hand Uniform**

Parents are encouraged to donate any good quality, outgrown uniform to the school. The school will arrange opportunities for families in need of uniform to select items for their child(ren). This can be arranged through the Family Support Officer.

**STRATEGIES**

1. Children will be encouraged and reminded to wear the correct uniform as described above.

2. All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly labelled with the child’s name.

3. Children will be asked to remove jewellery or accessories that do not form part of the uniform. These can be kept securely until the end of the day and then returned to the pupil.

4. School does not take responsibility for lost watches or jewellery. Pupils are not allowed mobile phones in school. (See mobile phone policy).

5. Money should only be brought into school for a specific purpose.

6. Children will not be excused from PE or swimming without a written request from parents.

**Staff should:**

• Set a good example in terms of professional dress.

• Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.

• Informal clothes such as jeans, shorts or revealing items are not suitable work attire. The appropriate footwear e.g. trainers, must be worn for all PE lessons for safety reasons. Similarly, tracksuits and sports clothing are recommended for these lessons.

• The Head Teacher will use his/her discretion to advise anyone who is unsure or needs further information regarding his/her code of dress, including body art and piercing.

**Role of the Governing Board**:

• The Governing Board should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, and should consider fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

• The school will follow the DFE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school’s rules on uniform.

**Role of the Parents/Guardians:**

• To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school’s uniform policy and uphold the high standards of dress and appearance set by the school

• Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas events or school visits or charity fundraising.

• Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the Headteacher following the school’s complaints’ procedure.

**Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities:**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Alfred Sutton Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential