School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school and when participating in a school-organised events outside normal school hours. Please see the school website for a complete list of school uniform items and details on how to place an order.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 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 casual 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 and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 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, watches and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or themselves.

5 Footwear

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. All children are to attend school in smart black school shoes.

5.2 Trainers or sports shoes are required only for PE and Games lessons or other occasions as specified by the Class Teacher. In the event that pupils are allowed on the school field during playtime, children will be asked to change into trainers.

6 The role of parents

6.1 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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

6.2 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers 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 Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The role of Governors

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

7.2 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.

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

- seek the views of parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;