Plympton St Maurice Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

1.1 It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

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 fashion 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;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Our School Uniform Comprises

Red sweatshirt with school logo
Grey pinafore/pleated skirt/shorts/trousers
White polo shirt
White/Black/Grey/Red socks or tights
Red and white gingham dress
Black flat soled shoes (should be suitable for use outdoors during break and lunch)

PE
Black shorts
White t-shirt
Plimsolls or trainers
Please note that during winter months trainers are advised.

Please ensure all items of uniform and lunch boxes/drinks bottles are named.

4. Jewellery

4.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask that children remove these objects during PE and games. Where earrings can't be removed, they must be covered by a plaster or tape.

5. Earrings and Jewellery for PE

5.1 In order to minimise the potential risk of harm to your child, Plympton St Maurice Primary School insists on a no jewellery policy for PE in line with recommendations from the

Association for Physical Education ('Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport & Physical Activity. AfPE. 2020)

5.2 If you are going to have your child's ears pierced, we ask that you do so at the start of the Summer holidays so that the healing time will not impact their learning in PE

5.3 If children are not able to remove their own earrings, we ask that parents do this prior to them attending school on the mornings that they have PE

5.4 If a child is unable to remove their earrings, they will need to tape them sufficiently, prior to any PE lesson. It is not the responsibility of the class teacher to tape earrings. *Taping of earrings is at the discretion of the classroom teacher: should they deem it to be not fit for purpose, the child will not be able to physically take part in the lesson, but will be given an alternative role to play*

5.5 This policy also applies to the wearing of watches/sports watches/fitness trackers and any other accessory which may lead to injury

6. Haircuts

6.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Children with long hair should be tied back and hairbands / clips should be discrete and in school colours.

7. Make-Up

6.1. Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up including nail polish.

8. Footwear

7.1 The schools 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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list under section 3. It is important that children have footwear which is suitable for play activities such as running during play time and lunchtimes.

8. The Role of Parents

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

8.2 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 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.

9. The Role of Governors

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

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

10. Monitoring and Review

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

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.