

# **Withinfields Primary School**

*Learning together to make a better future*

## **School Uniform Policy**

**January 2020**

### **1. Introduction**

This policy is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for standards of presentation in terms of children and their school uniform.

### **2. Rationale**

- Parents and carers are clear about what is expected of their children
- Pupils are clear about what is expected of them
- Staff are clear about what is acceptable and unacceptable presentation and appearance

### **3. Objectives and principles**

Having a school uniform which all pupils are expected to adhere to should enable:

- Children to feel a greater sense of belonging and commitment to a whole school community
- Children to develop pride in being part of the school community
- The children's presentation to reflect the high standards which we set in school and improves the image of the school in the local community
- Children to set themselves high personal standards
- Differences between the children to be reduced which can lead to higher self esteem

### **4. Approaches**

School Uniform should be worn by all children from Reception onwards. Children are also welcome to wear uniform in Nursery although it is not compulsory. It is expected that parents and carers will support their children to wear the school uniform and it forms part of the Home-School Agreement.

The School Uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore, skirt, skirt or culottes
- White or navy blue polo-shirt (logo optional)
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan (logo optional)
- Plain black shoes/trainers which are appropriate for playing out in
- Grey tights or white, grey or black socks
- Optional blue and white striped or checked summer dress

Although we prefer Reception and Nursery children to wear school trousers, we recognise that some children prefer to spend lots of their time in these two years groups involved in outdoor play. Therefore, children in Nursery and Reception can wear plain, dark grey jogging bottoms if parents and carers prefer this.

Every child from Reception onwards also needs a PE kit which should comprise of:

- A draw string bag
- Navy shorts or navy leggings
- A white t-shirt (logo optional)
- Pumps or trainers

Children should not wear any other fashion accessories except a wrist watch and a pair of stud earrings or a single stud earring worn in the lobe of the ear. On PE days, children will be responsible for their own jewellery when it is removed. Children who are unable to remove their own earrings should not wear them on PE days. Make-up is not permitted including nail varnish.

Hair must be neat and tidy with no 'extreme' styles or unnatural colours. Fashion styles, including very short hair with patterns etc. cut into the hair are not permitted. Long hair must be tied back using ribbons or headbands which are blue, black or white in colour.

All uniform and coats should be clearly labelled with children's names. Named items are returned to children directly. Other lost items are put into Lost Property. Lost property is kept for a half term then emptied and either disposed of, taken to a charity shop or kept in school store for any family who is facing financial difficulty.

During warmer weather, children should bring a hat to wear at playtimes to protect themselves from the sun.

## **5. Monitoring and Evaluation**

All staff will monitor the implementation of this policy every day in general observation. Comments will also be taken into account from other stakeholders and agencies including the local community, parents, carers, governors and visitors to the school.

If children are choosing not to adhere to the policy e.g. by wearing accessories they will be given a reminder in the first instance but if they persist to wear the item, they would be moved on to yellow on the Behaviour for Learning system.

If children are not provided with the appropriate uniform by parents or carers, the classteacher, the Pastoral Support Assistant or a member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact the parents or carers to discuss how this can be achieved.

## **6. Review**

The policy will be formally reviewed in Spring 2023 if not deemed necessary before.

Approved by Full Governing Body on: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020