WESTOE CROWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school. We believe school uniform plays an important role in our school's ethos, promoting a sense of pride, community and inclusivity.

School Uniform

Our uniform consists of:

- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or warm fleece jacket
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- White, black or navy socks or tights

In the warmer months children may wear a blue and white gingham summer dress, or grey school shorts

Uniform branded with the school logo can be purchased from Impack Apparel (www.impackapparel.com) or Simply Workwear on Ocean Road, South Shields. However plain uniform without the school logo can also be worn and should be readily available in supermarkets and high street stores.

Book bags are available to purchase from the school via ParentPay.

Footwear

Sensible black shoes or black trainers must be worn. Shoes with heels over 3cms, flip flops, and open-toe shoes and sandals are not permitted. It would be helpful if younger children could wear shoes with a Velcro fastening.

Practical black boots may be worn in wet or particularly cold weather.

PE Kit

Different items may be required throughout the year according to the planned PE curriculum activities. The kit includes:

- PE bag
- Navy or black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black plimsolls (indoors) or trainers (outdoors)
- Tracksuits may be worn on colder days

Drawstring PE bags are available to purchase via ParentPay.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school, with the exception of a single wrist watch. Medical identification bracelets may also be worn by children who have significant medical needs.

If your child wishes to have their ears pierced, we recommend that this be done at the beginning of the summer holidays.

Hair Styles and Make Up

We accept that all children are individuals however we do not permit extreme haircuts as we are concerned they could serve as a distraction to other children, or may attract unwanted attention to the child concerned.

As fashions change so quickly it is not possible to have a comprehensive list of all hairstyles. As a general principle dyed, coloured, shaven and patterned hairstyles are considered unsuitable.

Where a hairstyle is considered unsuitable, parents/carers will be spoken to informally to request their co-operation, and reasonable time will be given for the matter to be resolved before more formal action is considered.

Hair must be tied back for PE lessons for safety reasons.

The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, is not permitted in school.

The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents/carers to support the school uniform policy and send their children to school dressed correctly and ready for the school day. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

If any parent/carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should submit a request to the school office in the first instance for consideration by the Head Teacher. If there are significant reasons to differ from the school uniform, on religious grounds for example, the school will look sensitively at such requests.

The Role of the School and Governors

The school will ensure that the uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is affordable, hardwearing, safe and practical. It will also ensure that the uniform, and policy, meet all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

The school will implement the uniform policy fairly and with sensitivity. The Head Teacher, along with the support of the Governing Body, will consider all requests regarding modifications to the uniform policy. Support is available for disadvantaged families and those experiencing financial difficulties. The school welcomes donations of unwanted uniform and these will be passed on to families free of charge. Free school uniform is also available locally, via the Community School Clothing Scheme on King Street, South Shields.

Chair of Governors .....

Head Teacher .....

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