

Surrey Street Primary School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event inside or outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that 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;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class ;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Surrey Street Primary School Uniform - school colour is red with white, black or grey

- Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- White shirt or blouse
- School tie (KS2)
- Red jumper /red school sweatshirt or Cardigan with logo
- Red or white (with logo) polo shirt
- Tights and socks should be plain and in school colours when worn with skirts
- Sensible shoes in school colours or black or brown (not high heeled, jelly shoes, trainers or clogs- see below)
- In the summer girls may wear a red gingham school dress, boys may wear uniform grey shorts

The hijab may be worn provided it is removed or tucked in securely for PE and is of an all in one design and red, white or black. Please see section 'The role of Parents'.

With the exception of the sweatshirts and ties, which are available from the school office from 3.20, all items are widely available from chain stores and are inexpensive. Most items, including logo items, can also be bought from Tesco Clothing online.

Alternatively please complete an order form, available on our website, and post in the school red letter boxes.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are functional watches, plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain, which should be worn underneath clothing. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. Staff cannot assist in removing these items or be held responsible for their safekeeping at any time. Make up, including nail polish, is not allowed as it is not compatible with school uniform.

Hair

Hair should be natural colour only.

Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back. This is for Health and Safety, to help reduce the risk of headlice being caught or passed on and to prevent vision impairment. For PE, hair should be tied back as soon as it is long enough to do so.

Footwear

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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers in school; these are appropriate for sport or at playtime, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. School shoes should be black, brown, red, white or grey only, hold the foot securely and should allow the child to run safely in the playground. Sandals may be worn in the summer provided they are substantial and fit the guidelines for shoes; jellies or clogs are therefore not suitable.

PE Kit

Your child will need a drawstring bag containing:-

- Red/black shorts, (tracksuit bottoms in school colours with elasticated legs for outdoor P.E.)
- Plain white or red t-shirt
- Black plimsolls for indoor games (dance and gym – bare feet)
- Trainers for outdoor games- standard trainers only with good grip; canvas or high ankle trainers are not acceptable.
- No rucksacks please—they are too bulky for the coat pegs.

Swimming - Y4/5 go swimming at Inspire public pool. Your child will need:

Boys - proper swimming trunks

Girls - one piece bathing costume

Plus a towel in an ordinary plastic carrier bag.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of 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, that it is clean, in good condition and clearly named.

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, for example observation of religious or cultural customs, why parents want their child to wear items 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.

All items must be clearly named and we expect children to be responsible for their property.

The role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy and for considering any dispensation from observation of this policy requested by a parent. Should a parent be dissatisfied with the decision of the Headteacher then they shall have the right to make representation to the Governing Body.

The role of governors

The role of the governing body is to support the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It shall consider representations from parents regarding this policy and liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform policy meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that the policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Monitoring and review

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;
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations, and the outcome of those requests.
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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