



Weelsby Academy

Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is the school's policy that all children should wear school uniform both at school and when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Why do we have a school uniform?

We feel that School Uniform helps to:

- Promote a sense of pride in the school
- Engender a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identify the children with the school, and is practical and smart
- Empower parents to overcome the pressures of buying expensive clothes that are judged to be fashionable
- Create equality between children in terms of appearance;
- Promote health and safety by being easily recognised, and by being suitable for school activities.

Jewellery

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 a watch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, (or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury when the piercing is new.) Whilst we will do all that we can to help keep property safe, teachers cannot be held responsible if children's personal belongings are lost.

Extreme haircuts

The school discourages children from having 'extreme' haircuts, as these can bring about excessive attention from other children, and can lead to name calling and bullying.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is important for children to have well fitting sensible shoes for school, which can cope with the rough and tumble of the playground. Shoes that are not properly attached to the foot such as flip flops, or that have platform soles or high heels, are not allowed in school, as they are a health and safety risk.

PE Kit

Children will not be allowed to do PE if they do not have suitable footwear or PE kit as this is a health and safety issue.

The role of parents / carers

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 school.

If children arrive in school without school uniform they will be lent a school jumper to wear until such time that parents are able to rectify the problem. If a child is not in school uniform we ask parents to contact us to explain the reason for this. If we do not hear from the parent we will then contact them directly ourselves.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and all faith communities. If there is a reason, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of EAB

The EAB supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the responsibility of the EAB to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors also will ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, reasonably priced, safe and practical.

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