



Uniform Policy

Rationale

DFE guidance 2013 states that “The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.”

The school believes that our uniform helps to

- instil pride
- support positive behaviour and discipline
- encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos
- protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- support effective teaching and learning

Guidelines

We believe that our uniform is reasonably priced; the governing body undertakes to compare costings from a variety of suppliers on a 3 yearly review cycle and balance this with the desire to support sustainable development.

The uniform is easily obtainable, fair and does not discriminate against any group or individual. We believe that, therefore, all students are able to wear the uniform in full. There will be full consultation with parents, students and staff before any significant changes to the school uniform are made.

The school will be sensitive to parents’ financial circumstances and ensure that we are reasonable in requests for parents to ensure that their child is in full uniform, balancing this with the need to promote high standards.

Students are expected to wear full school uniform every day. We ask parents to provide a note if there is ever a problem with this. Where students refuse to comply with the uniform policy this may be regarded as a breach of discipline. The school will make enquiries as to why a child is not in the correct uniform and apply sanctions if necessary. The school is acting within the law in sending students home to change, and exclusion from school may be used as a sanction for persistent defiance of school rules, where appropriate.

DfE guidance states that:

“A head teacher, or a person authorised by the head teacher, may ask a student to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school’s rules on appearance or uniform. When making this decision schools need to consider the child’s age and vulnerability, the ease and time it will take, and the availability of the child’s parents. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. However, if the student continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the student’s absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. In either case the student’s parents must be notified and the absence should be recorded. If a school is considering excluding a student in response to breaches of uniform policy then this must be in line with the legal requirements for exclusion.”

We believe our policy is fair and does not discriminate against any group or individual. Parents should make representations to the Headteacher if there is any aspect of the uniform policy that causes them concern or conflicts with any religious or cultural beliefs.

The school issues a Uniform Leaflet (Appendix 1) to all students on admission. The leaflet is published on the website and the details are reinforced in the student planner. Parents are informed when students are

not complying with the uniform policy and action is taken appropriate to the circumstances of parents and students.

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