

# Eyam C of E Primary School

## School Uniform Policy



*'Let your light shine'*

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*Our vision is to be a vibrant and thriving community of responsible and resilient learners who 'let their light shine' as we work together, using critical thinking skills to achieve more and celebrate each other's success through a culture of respect.*

*We learn as a TEAM because Together Everyone Achieves More.*



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During the pandemic 2020 - Summer 2021 we relaxed the Uniform Policy due to the exceptional circumstances that families were facing. The principles of wearing practical, cost effective uniform now applies as does the need to reduce peer pressure by wearing non labelled clothing.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

### **Aims**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school and encourages identity with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Naming**

Please ensure all items are clearly named.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are watches which may be worn but are the child's responsibility. We ask the children to remove watches during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. Earrings cannot be worn at school. If you wish to have ears pierced please inform school so that we can provide tape for PE, children should tape over their ear rings in PE whilst they are healing. Sleepers may be worn for the few weeks required for the hole to heal but after that time children will be expected to remove earrings before attending school. Not only are earrings a distraction, they can become tangled in clothing and cause injury.

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels so we ask that children do not wear such shoes in school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to or in school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We request that all children wear shoes as stated in the uniform list unless it is PE.

## **Hair**

All children, girls and boys, are encouraged to tie hair up and will be requested to do so where it is long enough. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school and to enable children to see the equipment in PE, the board and their work. Hair **must** be tied up in PE. In swimming, we request that all children wear a named swimming cap. We do not expect children to wear hair colours and request that unless for religious or health reasons, the children don't wear a hat in school. In keeping with our equality policy children are able to style their hair in whatever way they feel is both comfortable and appropriate for their hair type.

## **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents to support the inclusive school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for learning. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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, e.g. 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 Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises 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 meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Governors expect children will wear a school uniform consisting of dark trousers or skirts dresses with white polo shirts and blue sweatshirts/cardigans with the school logo.

### **Girls Winter:**

Skirts, pinafores, shorts or trousers should be grey, black or navy, (no jeans or joggers please) plain white, grey or black socks or grey tights and black shoes.

### **Girls Summer:**

Summer dresses should be blue gingham, plain white socks with black shoes (open toe sandals should be avoided). Plain or blue gingham, white or blue hair bands/clips.

### **Boys Winter:**

Trousers or shorts should be grey or black (no jeans or jogging bottoms). Plain grey or black socks and black shoes.

**Boys Summer:**

Shorts should be grey or black (no denim shorts or jogging bottoms) with grey or dark plain socks and black shoes (open toe sandals should be avoided if possible).

**PE and Games:**

A plain white T-Shirt and dark shorts / joggers with trainers. These shoes should not be worn every day and on PE days (varies each year) we ask children to bring their school shoes and a change of socks as well so they can change into dry shoes as often in PE they get wet/damp feet. We do aim to do PE even if it is wet/drizzly so always have a coat!

Some pupils can be prone to accidents and the very youngest children may need to wear joggers whilst they learn about school and toilet routines – just have a chat with Mrs Gilbertson or the class teacher – we are very understanding.

Older pupils may bring AstroTurf style trainers for grass sports but this is not essential. In KS2 all pupils are encouraged to wear shin pads for football and hockey. Mouth guards may be purchased from the office. You will get a reminder about this when we are learning hockey skills.