

Introduction

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

Aims and objectives

- 2.1** Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
 - 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.

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule, in the secondary phase are a watch and one gold or silver stud piercing in each ear. In the primary phase, we request parents remove piercings to ensure children can be safe when accessing the full curriculum. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays to enable them to remove them.

3.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or colours that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons. Blue, green, grey, black and white bobbles and headbands are appropriate, however, no fashion hair accessories are permitted.

Footwear

5.1 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 do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school (unless attending in PE kit); 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 require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list. No boots allowed.

The role of parents

6.1 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 their daily schoolwork. 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.

6.2 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 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

7.1 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.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

Monitoring and review

8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform; requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

NB. *The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:*

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'

Primary Uniform

- White polo shirt (available with Armfield logo if preferred)
- Navy Blue cardigan (available with Armfield logo if preferred)
- Tartan skirt/tunic
- Charcoal grey trousers
- Sturdy black school shoes (not training shoes)
- Summer uniform:** Blue gingham dress (preferably navy)
- Summer uniform:** Grey school shorts



Primary Sports Kit

- Navy blue sports polo shirt (available with Armfield logo if preferred)
- Navy blue PE Shorts
- Navy blue Socks
- Black pumps/trainers

Secondary Uniform

- Armfield Academy navy blue blazer with logo
- Tartan Kilt
- Charcoal Grey Trousers
- White collared shirt (not a blouse or polo shirt)
- Armfield green neck tie with pearl stud (year 7,8,9)
- Armfield blue neck tie with pearl stud (year 10, 11)
- Grey pullover with Armfield Academy logo
- White socks (with a skirt)
- Dark coloured socks (with trousers)
- Sturdy black school shoes (not training shoes)



Secondary Sports Kit

- Navy blue sports polo shirt (available with Armfield logo if preferred)
- Navy blue PE Shorts (available with Armfield logo if preferred)
- Navy blue Socks
- Black pumps/trainers/football boots



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OPTIONAL:

Optional mid layer top with Armfield logo
Track pants/leggings Navy or black (available with Armfield logo if preferred)

There can be no deviation from uniform as listed above, unless agreed with school. I hope that all parents/carers will support the Academy's efforts to maintain a high standard in matters of uniform and the smart appearance of our pupils.

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