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# Uniform Policy

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### 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

### 2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, Carleton Green Community Primary School will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with Stacey Clark, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

### 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Carleton Green has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 4. Expectations for school uniform

### 4.1 Our school uniform

#### School Clothing

Children should wear:

- Blue school jumper or cardigan with the school's logo
- Tailored grey trousers or shorts
- Tailored grey skirt or pinafore dress
- White shirt (Not a polo shirt)
- School tie in their house colour
- White, grey or black socks or tights
- Sensible black shoes with a strong sole and grip (no trainers, shoe trainers or boots (including ankle boots)).
- During the summer term, summer dresses, in school blue check and white polo shirts, may be worn.

**\*\* ALL shorts (this includes PE shorts), dresses and skirts must be knee length and no shorter.\*\***

#### PE Kit

- Carleton Green Tracksuit or
- Plain black shorts (no logos or decoration)
- Plain black jogging bottoms (no logos or decoration)
- T-shirt in their house colour with the school logo
- Black hoodie or zip up jacket (no logos or decorations)
- Trainers

On PE days, children should come into school in their full PE kit.

#### Outdoor Clothing

- Your child should bring a coat to school every day. In cold weather, children can wear hats, gloves and scarves and in the summer, sun hats and caps should be provided.

## Jewellery

Only the following items of jewellery can be worn in school:

- Items that are inexpensive and would not cause upset or concern if misplaced or damaged
- A wristwatch – this should not be a SMART watch. Mobile devices are not allowed in school. If your child is walking home alone, they are permitted to bring their mobile devices and give them to the class teacher who will store them until the end of the school day.
- Children may wear a small pair of earring studs, which will need to be covered or removed for certain activities. These should be plain silver or gold metal studs.

**\*\*Jewellery of any other description is not permitted.\*\***

## Children's Hair

- Children with long hair should have it tied back at all times. Large hair bands and bows are not permitted.

## 4.2 Where to purchase it

- For branded items, we use Bispham Clothing. All other items can be purchased from high street retailers or supermarkets.
- We also have 'Maggie's Rail' situated in the Wing for any secondhand items you may require.

## 5. Expectations for our school community

### 5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Stacey Clark, Headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

### 5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact Stacey Clark, Headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### 5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by Stacey Clark, Headteacher.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

### 5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

## 6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Stacey Clark, Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.