Harehills Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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Harehills is a larger than average Primary School, with over 700 children on roll from Nursery to Year 6. Our curriculum, ethos and approach at Harehills Primary School fully supports the personal development of every pupil. Children are nurtured and encouraged to develop attributes such as confidence, resilience and independence in order that they are fully prepared for life in 21st Century Britain, and indeed, the world. Equality and diversity are promoted and celebrated throughout school, and we are very proud of a curriculum which equips our children with the knowledge, skills and understanding to lead happy, safe and healthy lives whilst enabling them to develop their talents and strive for their goals. Our ethos of **Learn, Laugh and Love** is built upon these principles.

INTRODUCTION

The Governing Body of the school believes that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success of the school and therefore expects that the school uniform will be worn by all children from Nursery to Year 6. This policy document outlines:

- The reasons for having a school uniform
- What the school uniform consists of
- Making the uniform accessible
- How the school will deal with non-adherence

WHY IS HAVING A SCHOOL UNIFORM IMPORTANT TO HAREHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL?

The Governing Body believes that a school uniform is important in building the pupils' sense of identity and belonging to the community of the school. It instils a sense of pride in the school and supports positive behaviour. It protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender, gender identity or background. There are other advantages to having a school uniform which are important to the Governing Board, such as security: a uniform enables pupils to be identified easily when on visits/working with other schools.

The school uniform consists of a standard school uniform and a PE uniform.

STANDARD SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING AND SHOULD BE WORN ON NON-PE DAYS:

Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or school trousers
White blouse or polo shirt
Royal blue cardigan or school sweatshirt
Royal blue summer dress
Royal blue shalwar kameez
Black headscarf (white in summer)
Black school shoes

Jewellery should not normally be worn in school. An exception may be agreed where an item is worn for religious, cultural or medical reasons, subject to an individual health and safety assessment by the school.

Standard, single-function non-expensive watches may be worn. Children should not wear expensive, multi-function watches in school including those that connect to the internet. School cannot take responsibility for them if they are lost. All watches must be removed for PE lessons.

The school will consider reasonable requests to vary the uniform requirements where these relate to a pupil's religion or belief, disability, medical or sensory needs, gender

reassignment or another protected characteristic. Requests will be considered sensitively and on an individual basis by the headteacher.
PE Kit: Royal blue t-shirt (provided by the school to all children) and black, blue, or grey joggers, leggings, or shorts.

WHERE TO BUY SCHOOL UNIFORM
No item displaying the school logo is compulsory. Parents and carers may purchase plain, unbranded uniform from any retailer, provided that it meets the colour and style requirements set out in this policy.

The local supplier for our school uniform is The School Uniform Shop (Uniwears) Nowell Lane, Harehills, Leeds LS9 6JE. Telephone 0113 2351 256.

Royal blue sweatshirts and cardigans (without the school logo) are available at most supermarkets and are acceptable as school uniform.

OTHER

A reading book bag will be provided by the school to all children.
All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name. This includes shoes.
Nail polish and temporary tattoos are not acceptable as part of the school uniform.
It is important that children have sensible shoes for school with buckles, Velcro or laces. If children wear shoes with laces, there is the expectation that they must be able to tie them themselves.
Trainers are only part of the outdoor PE uniform and should not be worn at other times.
Open-toed sandals, shoes with raised heels, clogs or mules should not be worn, unless stipulated by the headteacher in exceptional circumstances. These are not suitable for school, especially at play times.
Hair should be worn in a way that does not create a health or safety risk or prevent a pupil from participating fully in school activities. Long hair must be tied back for PE, practical activities and where otherwise required for safety.

ACCESSIBILITY TO SCHOOL UNIFORM
When setting and reviewing the school uniform, the Governing Body:

- considers the total cost of uniform;
- keeps compulsory items to a minimum;
- considers durability and value for money;
- avoids unnecessarily expensive items;
- reviews costs regularly; and
- considers the needs of families experiencing financial difficulty.

The Governing Body recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable. As part of the schools Pupil Premium spend, all children will be provided with a school book bag when they first start school. They will also be provided with a water bottle and a school PE t shirt annually.

The school will ensure that parents or carers, where necessary, have access to second hand uniform sales. These will be signposted through the Class Dojo or via text message.

NON-ADHERENCE

Where a pupil does not adhere to the school uniform policy:

- staff will respond considerately and discreetly and establish the reasons for non-compliance;
- financial hardship and other individual circumstances will be considered;
- the school will work with parents and carers and offer appropriate support before sanctions are considered;
- any sanction will be reasonable and proportionate;
- pupils will not be sent home solely because they do not have the correct uniform; and
- pupils will not be prevented from taking part in education or PE solely because the correct uniform or PE kit is unavailable.

Exclusion from school will not be considered an appropriate response to non-adherence to this policy.

COMPLAINTS

Parents and carers who have concerns about the school's uniform requirements should raise these with the headteacher in the first instance. If the concern is not resolved, it may be pursued through the school's published complaints procedure.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Participation in non-uniform days will always be optional and any requested contribution will be voluntary. Pupils will not be disadvantaged if they choose to wear school uniform or if they do not make a contribution.