



**HIGHER
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INTRODUCTION

At Higher Walton CE Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in school-organised events, including those outside normal school hours. We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion by making children feel equal to their peers in terms of their appearance
- Prevents children from coming to school in 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting or result in peer pressure in class
- Identifies the children with the school when taking part in activities out of school
- Is considered by most parents to be suitable wear for school and good value for money

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Most items of our school uniform can be bought from high street shops or supermarkets, at competitive prices.

Uniform bearing the school logo can be ordered directly from our suppliers, Stitch Design, via a link on our school website. Orders can be placed at any time and collected from school or delivered direct to homes for an additional delivery charge.

We also have nearly new items of uniform available from school for a small charge.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform follows:

Year 1 – 6 Uniform: worn on days when the class does not have PE

Our main school uniform consists of:

- Royal blue sweatshirt * / cardigan * / V-neck jumper / fleece * (with or without school logo)
- Plain yellow polo shirt * (with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers / shorts / pinafore / skirt (shorts and skirts should be of an appropriate length and style to allow sitting comfortably on the floor)
- Plain grey or white socks / tights
- Sensible plain black shoes (no slingbacks, open toes, platform soles or high heels)
- In the summer term, blue and white striped or gingham dresses may be worn

Playsuits, skorts and culottes are **not** school uniform.

PE Uniform: worn on days when the class has PE, and worn all the time in EYFS)

- Plain navy jogging bottoms (not leggings) or navy shorts (not cycling shorts)
- Plain yellow polo shirt * (with or without school logo)
- Plain grey or white socks
- Royal blue sweatshirt (plain or with school logo)
- Dark coloured trainers (as plain as possible) for games / black pumps for indoor PE lessons

Outdoor wear:

Children should bring a coat to school every day. In cold weather, children can wear hats, scarves and gloves; in summer months, sun hats or caps should be provided.

Swimming kit: (Only required by children in Upper KS2)

- One piece swimming costume or trunks
- Towel
- Swimming hat

Optional items:

Reversible school coats embroidered with the school logo are also available via the website link – these are not a requirement, but have been made available at parents request.

School book bags are also available from school.

Parents are urged to mark ALL clothing with their child's name including coats, together with bags, lunch boxes and personal belongings.

JEWELLERY, HAIR AND MAKE UP

Jewellery

For security and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious or medical significance (such as a Christian cross, Sikh Kara, medical identification bracelet) and simple inexpensive watches. SMART watches and similar that can access the internet are **not permitted** in school. Children are required to remove any items of jewellery during all P.E lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Staff are not permitted to remove ear-rings; if children cannot remove their own ear-rings for PE, these should be removed at home.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to have this done at the beginning of the summer holidays, as pupils are not allowed to participate in PE or swimming when wearing ear-rings.

Hair

Pupils with long hair should tie it back for safety reasons. Hair accessories (bands, ribbons/bows or scrunchies) should be small, plain and blue or yellow to match our uniform.

Natural hair colour and the avoidance of extreme hairstyles are strongly encouraged. Extreme styles are not appropriate for school. Children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Make-up, nail varnish and tattoos

Make up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos should not be worn in school.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

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 PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair. We also request that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items.

If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

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 Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

Non Compliance

If a child comes to school in a manner not compliant with the uniform policy, their teacher will discreetly talk to them and parents may be contacted to discuss the matter further.

We do understand that sometimes there are exceptional circumstances and unavoidable situations that result in children having to come to school without part of their uniform; where this is the case we ask that parents let us know on the day to confirm the reason.

THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The governing board 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.

Monitoring and Review

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.

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.'*

The Uniform policy was reviewed and agreed by the Governors' Resources Committee on 18th May 2022.