Southcoates
Primary Academy

School Uniform Policy

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Principles

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that appropriate clothing is worn when undertaking certain activities while attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A list of appropriate clothing items needed for children's school uniform is included in this policy and in our prospectus.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school creating a feeling of community and belonging. The uniform is practical and smart and identifies the children as being from the school, while not being distracting in class, as pupils own fashion clothes might be. Uniform also makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and from a parent's perspective, is good value for money.

Our Academy colours are burgundy, grey or black and white.

These coloured items are available in local supermarkets, clothes shops and other low cost suppliers. Items of uniform with the Academy logo are available to purchase on-line from our uniform supplier but are not compulsory.

School Uniform

- Burgundy sweatshirt or jumper with or without the academy logo
- Burgundy cardigan with or without the academy logo
- White or burgundy polo shirt with or without the academy logo or a white shirt or blouse
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black skirt
- Grey or black pinafore dress
- Red gingham dresses may also be worn
- Burgundy fleece or reversible fleece jacket with Academy logo or sensible warm waterproof coat
- Burgundy book bag with Academy logo (optional)

For PE, all children need

T-shirt in white or burgundy (House colours of red, blue, yellow or green are optional)

PE shorts

Track suit bottoms (for outdoor wear during cold weather)

PE bag

Pair of sandshoes or trainers

Please Note: PE kits should be kept in school all week

Footwear

Appropriate footwear consists of black shoes with flat heel or plain black trainers. We believe it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not expect children to wear such shoes in our Academy. Other shoes that are not safe to be worn for school include sandals, 'crocs' or other shoes that do not cover the foot completely. Wellies are not appropriate footwear for school. If it is a wet or cold day and your child needs to wear wellies to travel to school, please make sure they have normal school shoes to change into.

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our Academy. The exceptions to this rule are watches and plain earing studs in pierced ears. Children should either remove these during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury. Children should be able to do this themselves.

Make-up and Cosmetics

Make-up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The Academy does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Principal has given permission.

Extreme Haircuts

'Extreme' haircuts such as tramlines or hair dyed in non-natural or bright colours are not permitted as they could serve as a distraction to other children.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our Academy 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.

The Role of Governors

The Academy Improvement Committee supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Principal 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.

Monitoring and Review

The Academy Improvement Committee monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents, with regard to this policy;
- Considering, with the Principal, any requests from parent for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform on religious, ethnic or cultural ground; and;
- Requiring the Principal to report to the governors on the way the school policy uniform is implemented.