

# School Uniform Policy – Bessacarr Primary School

## **Introduction**

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

## **Aims and objectives**

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents/carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## **Our uniform consists of:**

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with the school logo or red, plain alternative.
- Grey trousers, knee length skirt or knee length shorts
- White or red polo shirt or white shirt
- Black shoes, no trainers
- In the summer a red/white check summer dress
- Socks must match and be grey, black or white
- Tights must be grey, red or black

## **PE Kit**

- White polo shirt or t-shirt
- White or black shorts (not cycling shorts)

## **Games Kit**

- White polo shirt or t-shirt
- White or black shorts
- Dark coloured tracksuit (children may also wear dark coloured jumpers/hoodies)
- Suitable change of footwear and socks

## **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Therefore, we require all children to wear black shoes or flat, black ankle boots (in winter).

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear studs in newly pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a plaster (supplied by the parent/carer) if they cannot be removed.

## **Hair**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or tribal haircuts with patterns shaved in.

All long hair should be tied up.

Any hair accessories should be plain and not of extreme size, colour or design, e.g. overly large hair bows. Please save these for weekends, weddings and parties.

## **Other**

Parents/carers should also be aware that fake tattoos/transfers are not permitted.

## **Nail Varnish**

The school does not permit children to wear nail varnish in school.

## **The role of parents/carers**

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Please mark all articles of clothing with your child's name.