

High Spen Primary School



Uniform Policy

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School Uniform Policy Review Period: 4 years / following significant event

Introduction

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending High Spen Community Primary School or when participating in a school organised event outside school hours. We have adopted a simple, functional yet smart school uniform in the belief that it has many advantages.

Uniform items in the school colours are readily available at local shops and supermarkets, as well as from the Gateshead West Pre-Loved Uniform Scheme. Items of uniform with the school logo can be purchased from the school office. We also collect unwanted, good quality uniform, wash it and keep it in school. Donations for this pre-loved uniform are passed on to the PTFA but there is no expectation for parents to make a donation – it is just good to see it used. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E., is included in this policy.

Aims and Objectives

It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent, so if you wish to purchase an item that is not specifically listed, please check with school beforehand.

The basis for the policy is that a uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- helps to create a feeling of community and belonging
- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' labels
- avoids wearing of clothes that could be distracting in class
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money.

Uniform is worn by all pupils in school (Reception to Year 6 – Nursery Optional)

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the Uniform Policy. We believe that 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 and that the child's name is written 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 particular reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with specific, related SEND then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head Teacher.

The Role of Staff / school

Staff should support the leadership team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries or refer these to a senior member of staff.

We would always make contact with families of children who persistently do not wear school uniform to try and ascertain the reason for this. We would deal with this on a case-by-case basis, but it remains our policy that school uniform should be worn.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the Uniform Policy and liaises where necessary with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our Uniform Policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Main Uniform

High Spen Primary School uniform can be purchased from the School office. Large supermarkets also stock uniform without logos.

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional).
- White shirt or polo shirt (logo optional).
- Grey/black school trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirts.
- Red gingham style dress (optional in summer)
- Black shoes or all black trainers.

PE

- Red T-Shirt
- Black joggers, leggings or shorts
- Red hoodie

- Trainers

Children are to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. PE will be outdoors as much as possible therefore it is necessary that children have the right kit.

Swimming

- Above the knee swimming trunks or one-piece swimming costume
- Towel
- Hairbrush or comb
- Goggles (optional)
- Plain swimming hats (optional)

Jewellery and piercings

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery or piercings. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch (no Apple /smart watches without prior permission).

Extreme haircuts and general appearance

Parents should be aware that nail varnish or any other form of make-up is not permitted. Hair should be a 'natural' colour. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back/up by ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides which should be simple in style. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines), in line with secondary school uniform policies.

Footwear

Children should wear flat black shoes to school. Platform soles or high heels are not permitted. We will accept totally black trainer/shoes with no logos on them. Black boots are only acceptable in the winter months.

Extreme weather

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. Variations to the Policy under these circumstances are acceptable as long as they are appropriate in the view of the Head Teacher. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in wet or snowy weather.

Lost Property

At times uniform gets lost in school. In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.