

Uniform Policy

Gelli Primary



Date ratified by Governing Body.....

Date of review.....

Signed.....

POLICY FOR GENERAL APPEARANCE OF PUPILS AND SCHOOL UNIFORM

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, unless otherwise stipulated. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Parents and pupils agree to abide by this policy when signing the Home/School Agreement on entering school.

Aims and Objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Promotes 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;
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

In the interest of safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are studs in pierced ears and objects of religious significance. The school cannot accept any responsibility for any jewellery children are asked to remove.

Footwear

We expect all children to wear appropriate footwear in school. Children are not allowed to wear shoes with heelies, platform soles or high heels.

Hair

We ask parents to consider appropriate hair cuts for school.

Clothing requirements for PE

Again, a list of clothing for PE is in our prospectus. We have secured sponsorship from local businesses and from the premier league to buy sports kit when our teams represent us in competitions. Children are requested to return the kit to school at the end of an activity. We recommend the use of shin pads, body armour, gum shields and other safety equipment.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We are an inclusive school and welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy on religious grounds, please speak to the head teacher. Similarly, should an item of school uniform be problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents are invited to discuss this with the head teacher.

Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in supporting the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, fairness and cost.

Links to other policies

Equal Opportunities Policy.

Monitoring and review:

When monitoring this policy the governing body will:

- Seek the views of parents, to be sure they agree with the policy and support it;
- Consider with the head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- Require the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years or earlier if considered necessary.