



UNIFORM POLICY

Amendments made since last review Spring term 2019 no amendments made Summer term 2022 – options beyond branded uniform added / sporting competitions and after school club information added / second hand uniform added	
Policy agreed / reviewed 24/5/2022	Next review due Summer term 2025
Signed on behalf of the Governing Body	Signed by headteacher

Rationale

In school we wish to promote an atmosphere that encourages excellence and enjoyment, celebrating the achievements of all our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. This policy has been written having regard for the statutory guidance from the DfE 'Cost of School Uniforms' November 2021

Purposes

- To promote a sense of pride in the school
- To engender a feeling of community and belonging
- To identify the children with the school on trips and visits
- To make children feel equal with their peers in terms of appearance
- To ensure parents and carers feel it is suitable and provides good value for money
- To ensure that the cost of our uniform is reasonable and affordable to all parents
- To ensure pupils wear clothes that are appropriate for health and safety

Broad Guidelines

Branded uniform is not compulsory but is an option for parents and carers. If branded uniform is preferred this may be purchased directly online from Touchline UK, Warrington via our website or local shops in St Helens – Whittakers, Bridge Street and Jaymax, Church Street.

Our uniform has generic items that are widely available and non-branded uniform is available from local supermarkets and online stores.

Co-operation is sought from parents to ensure that pupils attend school correctly dressed.

Uniform

- Red sweatshirt / cardigan / fleece (logo is available but not compulsory)
- White Polo shirt (logo is available but not compulsory)
- Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore
- Grey or white socks or tights
- Sensible, black, flat shoes.- No other coloured footwear / no trainers (see note below regarding Summer Term 2).

Summer Options

- Red and white dress

PE Kit (An appropriate PE bag should be in school to keep kit safe)

- White T-shirt (logo is available but not compulsory)
- Red shorts
- Black pumps for indoor PE
- Trainers / dark tracksuit when instructed it is outdoor PE
- If school attends a sporting competition the children will either wear their PE kit or the school football / rugby kit. There will not be additional kit needed to be bought by parents and carers.

Jewellery and watches

- It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school for health and safety.
- Pierced ears, only plain studs should be worn and be covered with a plaster or removed during all PE activities.
- Watches may be worn to school but must be removed for all PE activities

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery / watch that is lost

Make Up / Hair

- No make-up or nail varnish should be worn at any time.
- It is advisable that long hair is tied back at all times

After School Clubs

Parents do not need to buy additional uniform for after-school clubs. Children attending these clubs can wear their PE kit or bring in their own football kits from home.

Summer Term 2 (June to July) and Footwear

To support parents in the last half term of school if a child outgrows their black school shoes black trainers will be acceptable until we break up in July (no coloured trainers). This flexibility should be an exception rather than the norm and a discussion with school staff (verbally or in a planner) must take place to inform staff.

Staff will set a good example in terms of dress, no jeans will be worn in school and staff will change appropriately for PE lessons. All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Second-hand uniform can benefit parents and carers and extend the life of garments. School will work closely with our PTFA to organise the provision of / sale of second hand uniform through the year. As a school we will research appropriate local schemes that are established in uniform exchange.