Uniform Policy

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St Columb Major Academy School

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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. At the school's request children wear PE uniform all day on the day of these lessons this will differ for each class and each term. Our policy has been developed considering the Department for Education's Cost of School Uniforms guidance

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.
- 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.

Our School Uniform Comprises of

Blue blouse or blue shirt OR blue polo shirt with logo (plain polo shirts are acceptable)

Grey/black pinafore dress OR grey/black skirt OR grey/black tailored trousers or shorts

Blue gingham or striped summer dress

Blue cardigan or sweatshirt with logo (plain cardigans/sweatshirts are acceptable)

White/black socks, grey or black tights

Footwear

Black plain sensible functional shoes/trainers

PE

Blue T-shirt with school logo (plain T- shirts are acceptable)

Plain black shorts or trousers (cotton is advisable)

Uniform Supplier

Our uniform supplier is Macron - https://macronstoresw.com/schools/st-columb-major-academy/

Unbranded alternatives are available in most major supermarkets and high street stores such as Asda, Tesco and Aldi.

Preloved Uniform

Preloved uniform can be requested via the school office and is free to be recycled and re-used. You can also contact our PSA (Parent Support Advisor) Penny Cherry if you need support with uniform pcherry@kernowlearning.co.uk

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

Hair, Make-up, and Nail Varnish

We ask that hair is of a natural colour and for long hair to be tied back sensibly, so as not to hinder the child during the school day. We also ask that children do not wear make-up or nail varnish to school.

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. Your child will need wellies for when they attend Forest School, we can provide spares if you are unable to provide them.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

Equal Opportunities

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents 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 are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The Role of Governors

The Local Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this policy, the Local Governing Body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it.
- consider with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.
- require the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.