Kernow Learning

Building Excellent Schools Together

Uniform Policy

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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. Our policy has been developed taking into account 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

For nursery children (aged 3-4years)

- Non uniform but children must wear sensible footwear (see below) have a coat, spare set of clothes at all times and a sun hat in warmer weather

For all other year groups (Reception to year 6)

- Red school jumper, a red cardigan or red school fleece (available from the school office)
- White polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/culottes/skirts/dresses/shorts* (just above the knee)
- Suitable outdoor coat or anorak

*No skinny trousers or black jeans may be worn

During the summer months, please ensure your child attends school with a suitable summer hat. It is recommended, to avoid sunstroke, that they wear one with a back neck cover.

Jewellery and visible body piercing are not permitted in school for reasons of loss, damage and safety. There are exceptions: One pair of earrings, which are small studs and a wristwatch, may be worn.

We ask that all hair that can be, is appropriately tied back and natural looking (no extreme colours or styles).
We ask that novelty hair accessories are kept for non-school uniform days and all headbands are flat and in the school colours (black, red or white please).

No make up is allowed in school.

Footwear
Black sensible functional shoes - No flashing lights.

- All black shoes/boots or all black trainers with black laces and soles (toes must be covered for health and safety reasons *
- Socks/tights must be black, grey or white (no logos) Red tights are permissible
- Wellington boots should be in school at all times

*crocs and flip flops are not suitable for school

PE
Sportswear at St Merryn School All children may now wear their school PE kit on for the whole day when they have a PE lesson or an after school PE club.

- The school black PE shirt (available from the school office) or a plain white T-shirt
- A pair of black shorts and, during the winter months all black trousers/tracksuit bottoms can be worn.
- A pair of trainers (not plimsolls)
- During swimming lessons, a swimming costume for the girls must be worn (no bikinis or tankinis please) and boys should wear swimming trunks to aid learning to swim (board shorts are not recommended)

Second Hand Uniform
Second hand uniform is available to parents via the office and our Friends of St Merryn School facebook page

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.

Alternative Uniform
We place great value on fellowship and family. In support of this, children who are members of community groups such as Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies or Guides are invited to wear these uniforms to school on the day that they attend that group. Our aim is that the children take a pride in being part of a community group.

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. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

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 Advisory Board 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 Board 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.