



## ADLINGTON ST. PAUL'S POLICY FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM



### 1 Introduction

1.1 It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school and for PE or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

1.2 We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, in this policy and a list is available upon request from the school office. We ensure that all items can be purchased from multiple outlets.

### 2 Aims

2.1 Our policy is based on the belief 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 (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 parents; and
- has been chosen with health and safety in mind.

### 3 Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery (other than a watch) in our school.

3.2 The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games, or, in specific circumstances, to cover them with a plaster.

3.3 Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example, a school disco.

### 4 Hairstyle

4.1 We recommend that long hair is tied back for Health & Safety Reasons. Hairbands, ribbons, bows, etc. should be plain. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

### 5 Footwear

5.1 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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

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

### 6 PE Kit

6.1 The school uniform policy for footwear for indoor PE is bare feet or pumps/plimsolls. Indoor PE lessons are largely based on balance, strength and agility work, therefore trainers are not suitable as they do not allow the foot and toes to move through a full range of flexion and extension, which in turn strengthens the muscles, bones and joints.

6.2 Footwear for outdoor PE should be training shoes (trainers) as these provide good traction and support for high impact activities.

6.3 Dark-soled pumps or those designated as having 'non-marking soles' will not be permitted as these can still mark our hall floor due to activities undertaken in physical education lessons.

## **7 The Role of Parents**

7.1 We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy.

7.2 We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

7.3 Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

7.4 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are well founded reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7.5 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.

7.6 Requests for special consideration should be accompanied by appropriate evidence, e.g. adaptations required on medical advice.

## **8 The Role of Governors**

8.1 The 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.

8.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

8.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **9 Monitoring and Review**

9.1 In monitoring and reviewing this policy, the Governors 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 the policy is being implemented.

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### **School Uniform List**

We are proud of our uniform here at Adlington St Paul's CE Primary School. We feel that the uniform adds to the school's identity and gives children a sense of belonging. Please ensure that all clothing in school is labelled with your child's name.

#### **School Uniform:**

- Yellow polo shirt with school embroidery (or plain yellow polo shirt)
- Grey Skirt/Pinafore
- Grey Shorts/Trousers
- Purple Sweatshirt/Cardigan (with school logo)
- Grey Socks or Tights
- Flat, Black Shoes

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor.

#### **PE kit:**

- Yellow T-shirt
- Black shorts (plain, dark coloured jogging bottoms for outdoor PE in colder weather)
- Black Pumps/Plimsolls with light soles (for indoor PE)
- Trainers (for outdoor PE)
- Drawstring bag (to hold PE kit and/or swimming kit)

*The school logo on the PE kit is optional.*

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