Sherwood Primary School

Uniform Policy



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Equality

At Sherwood, we believe that equality should permeate every aspect of School life and is the responsibility of every member of our School Community.

Every member of our School Community should feel safe, secure, valued and of equal worth. We are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils; irrespective of race, gender, gender variance, disability, belief, religion socio-economic background or sexual orientation.

It is our aim to understand and tackle the different barriers which could lead to unequal outcomes for different groups of pupils in School. The Equality Act provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination, promoting equality and fostering good relationships between people. It is our aim to celebrate and value the equal opportunity achievements and strengths of all members of our School Community.

Introduction

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all members of the school community at all times and the uniform policy for pupils plays a key part in helping us to achieve this. We are proud of our school uniform and encourage children to also feel proud of belonging to Sherwood Primary School. We positively encourage our children to take responsibility for their personal appearance.

Aims and objectives

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours, with the notion that School Uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;

- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Parents are requested to ensure that earrings can be removed for school.

Hair

Pupils are permitted to wear small, simple hair accessories but these must be in keeping with the school uniform colours. Long hair must be tied back at all times.

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Footwear

We want all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. All pupils are asked to wear a pair of flat black school shoes all year round. Boots or sandals are not permitted throughout the year.

The role of Parents and Carers

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. One of the responsibilities of parents is to 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. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Policy Approval and Review

Approval date: November 2024

Review date: November 2026

Mrs J Lumb Headteacher Mrs H Gooch Chair of Governors

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Uniform Overview

Autumn and Spring Term Uniform for all pupils

- Royal blue Sherwood School V-necked sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey long or short trousers
- Grey pinafore dress or grey skirt
- White shirt or blouse
- Red and royal blue tie
- Footwear Black shoes. In the interest of Health and Safety, boots, strappy sandals and trainers are not allowed, unless for medical reasons.

Summer Term Uniform (optional)

- Blue gingham dress
- White polo shirts and short grey trousers

Socks and Tights

Grey, black, Navy or White socks and tights.

Book bags

Children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 require a blue Sherwood School book bag. Children in Year 3-6 are welcome to use a small rucksack to carry their books and belongings.

Water Bottles

All children are requested to bring a full water bottle into school each day. We request that your child's water bottle is no larger than 600ml in size and is clear/tinted coloured plastic with a sports cap lid. AirUp bottles, spray mist bottles or screw cap aluminium bottles are not suitable for School. Children are able to refill water bottles if required throughout the day.

Physical Education Uniform EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

All children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 require a PE kit in School every day. It should be kept in a material pump bag with your child's name clearly labelled on the outside.

- Sherwood School White and Blue Contrast PE t-shirt
- Royal blue shorts
- Black pumps
- A plain navy tracksuit for colder weather (Year 1 and Year 2 only)

Physical Education Uniform Year 3 - Year 6

All children in Key Stage 2 are asked to attend School in their PE Kit on the day(s) of Physical Education.

All pupils in Key Stage 2 require:

- Sherwood School tracksuit (available to order through ParentPay)
- Sherwood School White and Blue Contrast PE t-shirt
- Royal blue shorts
- Pair of Trainers

Children in Y3-Y6 have the **option** of wearing sport grip socks for dance or gymnastics lessons in KS2. Children participating in competitive dance and gymnastics events may be required to perform in bare feet. Grip socks must be designed for sport, dance or yoga and in keeping with uniform colours: black, white, grey, red or blue. Slipper socks are not appropriate.

Labels

Please ensure that your child's name is entered on all items of clothing including pumps and school shoes.

Watches

Pupils are invited to wear a simple analogue or digital watch. We please ask that pupils do not wear Fitbits, iPhone watches or other forms of watches for school.

Jewellery

In the interest of Health and Safety, jewellery (including earrings) are not allowed.

Only in exceptional circumstances, with agreement from the headteacher, can jewellery be worn in School (for example medi-alert and religious artefacts).

If a child does come into school wearing jewellery they will be asked to remove it. The teachers will not accept responsibility for removing any item of jewellery. The children must be able to remove them independently. The school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage of any jewellery or personal adornments worn.

Religious Artefacts/Personal Items

Children are required to remove their jewellery/religious personal items for Physical Education. If this is not possible, children are required to wear tape over jewellery/personal items for the planned activity. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to provide the appropriate tape.