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Uniform Policy

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Introduction

Throughout this guidance, 'parents' should be taken to include all those with parental responsibility, including guardians and carers.

It is for the school to decide:

- rules around appearance
- whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so, what that should be
- how the uniform should be sourced

These duties are placed upon all Trustee Boards by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.

We strongly encourage the wearing of uniform as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Requirements for Trustees

Porters Grange Primary School will ensure that in developing and implementing their uniform policy, they comply with the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010 and take into account key considerations such as safeguarding requirements and the health and safety of pupils.

We have considered how comfortable the uniform is for our pupils and will take a sensible approach to allow for exceptions to be made during extreme weather.

We will ensure that our uniform is suitable and safe for pupils who walk or cycle to school, for instance, by allowing pupils to wear a coat which they could be visible in when it is dark.

We have chosen a PE kit which is practical, comfortable, appropriate to the activity.

Other factors to consider

Outside of our responsibilities to comply with all relevant legislation, we have considered other relevant factors. For instance, manufacturing items of clothing can have a significant impact on the environment and in response we will be able to offer pre-loved items to support this.

We have considered the environmental impact of our uniform and have considered how any branded items are sourced. We have also considered the negative social impact of allowing children to wear items with expensive branded logos and the impact of that influence on young people.

Reviewing the policy

We will review our policy at appropriate intervals to ensure that it is still fit for purpose.

Reviewing the policy does not necessarily result in changes being made.

Cost considerations

Buying a school uniform can be expensive and can place an unreasonable burden on families. Our uniform options have been considered so as not to be so expensive as to leave pupils or their families feeling unable to apply to, or attend, a school of their choice, due to the cost of the uniform, and in certain circumstances the school can provide assistance. We offer pre-loved sales of uniform throughout the year.

Human rights, equality and discrimination considerations

When making decisions about our uniform policy, we have regard to our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010. We have considered the impact of our policy on pupils who share a protected characteristic.

The relevant protected characteristics we have considered when developing and implementing our uniform policy include:

Sex, religion or belief, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), disability and gender reassignment.

We aim for our uniform policy to be as inclusive as possible, and have been considerate in the implementation of our uniform policy so that all pupils are able to wear the uniform.

Religion or beliefs

Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a particular dress code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. We ensure we are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within our school uniform policy and we will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

Discrimination

In developing and implementing our school uniform policy, we have considered our obligations not to discriminate unlawfully. For example, whilst we can designate different uniform requirements for boys and girls, each gender may choose to wear items from across the uniform requirements.

Even when this policy has been agreed, we will be willing to allow for some individual variations to the uniform policy, where necessary to avoid indirect discrimination. For instance, reasonable adjustments must be made, as appropriate, for pupils with a disability.

Complaints and challenges to the school uniform policy

Disputes about school uniforms should be resolved locally and should be pursued in accordance with the school's complaints policy. Parents should lodge their complaints and objections with the Principal. A school uniform should be inclusive, where the subject of a complaint is due to a pupil's protected characteristic, we will carefully consider requests to vary our uniform policy.

Pupil non-compliance

This will be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.

We will deal with pupil non-compliance in a proportionate and fair way.

School Uniform

We encourage a good standard of dress at all times and want children to represent the school positively. We ask all pupils to wear our school uniform as we feel this promotes a sense of belonging and identity and helps develop pride in the school.

What do we ask for?

White shirt or polo shirt with the school logo

Black or grey traditional school trousers or skirts

Navy blue jogging bottoms (NURSERY AND RECEPTION ONLY)

Black or grey school shorts in the summer

Blue-checked summer dresses in the summer

Grey tights in winter and white socks in the summer
Black school shoes
Blue jumpers, sweaters and cardigans with the school logo

Book bags

We encourage that all children from Nursery to Year 6 have a blue Porters Grange book bag or rucksack.

PE Kit

White round neck t-shirt with the school logo
Navy blue shorts
Navy blue jogging bottoms
Navy blue school PE sweaters
Black plimsolls or trainers

Our full uniform is available from Paul's School & Work Wear on Southchurch Road.

Pre loved Uniform

Pre loved uniform is available from the school office throughout the year.

Please ensure that all clothes and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full name to aid the return of lost property. Please remember to do this each time you replace an item of clothing.