

Pippins School Uniform Policy

Introduction

There is no legislation that deals specifically with school uniform or other aspects of appearance such as hair colour and style, and the wearing of jewellery and make-up. However, the governing board of Pippins School has decided that there should be a school uniform and other rules relating to appearance because we believe that it will:

- Instil pride in the school.
- Support positive behaviour and discipline.
- Encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos.
- Ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds to feel welcome.
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

In setting a school uniform policy the governors have consulted widely and taken into consideration issues related to:

- The cost of the uniform, assuring that uniforms for boys and girls should cost no more than each other.
- Religious requirements.
- Human rights implications.
- Equal opportunities.
- Sex, race and disability discrimination.

The governors have also considered competing opinions on the uniform in relation to the issues above.

The wearing of school uniform is part of the school's positive behaviour programme, because it encourages a sense of identity for every child to belong to the school family. We ask that parents give their full co-operation in ensuring that their child wears his/her school uniform every day.

Details of the school uniform can be found in the school prospectus and on the school's website.

Objectives and targets

The objectives of the policy are to create a school uniform that will develop an atmosphere of pride in the school and encourage amongst the pupils an identity with it and support for its ethos of good behaviour and discipline. The uniform will remove the pressures from pupils to dress in school in any way other than that stated in the school uniform policy.

Action plan

Pippins School has endeavoured, through consultation and consideration, to devise an affordable school uniform that is as inclusive as possible, is non-discriminatory and is suitable for all pupils to wear.

When pupils are representing the school in the community, school uniform must always be worn. The headteacher will ensure pupils comply with the school uniform policy agreed by the governing board

Exceptional weather conditions

Parents will be advised on whether school uniform rules may be waived in exceptional weather conditions.

Purchase

Sweatshirts, trousers, and polo shirts are all available for order through the designated supplier at competitive prices. Parents/carers are asked to use the order form which lists all items that comply with the school uniform policy.

Clothing grants

A scheme of provision is available to ensure that a pupil is sufficiently and suitably equipped to comply with the school uniform policy. Families in receipt of benefit and those whose children are eligible for the pupil premium may qualify for this scheme. Other cases will be determined according to the personal circumstances of the family. Parents wishing to apply for assistance should complete an application form attached to the order form for school uniform.

Lost property

A lost property box is situated by the school office. Lost property is kept for a period of three weeks and then, in the interest of the school's 're-use and recycle' procedures, suitable items will become available for sale from the school uniform shop. Other items will be donated to a local charity shop. It is the child and parents' responsibility to retrieve lost property.

Monitoring and evaluation

The governing board will monitor the efficacy of the policy on a regular basis taking into account any comments from parents about the uniform itself or the cost of supplying it. In any case the cost of the uniform will be reviewed annually to demonstrate to parents how best value has been achieved.