



ASHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform and Code of Dress for Pupils

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Supporting Documents:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities (DfE 2013)

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Principles

Ashgate Primary School policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning and positive ethos. We also believe that certain school activities are supported by specialized and appropriate clothing, including organized events outside normal school hours, Physical Education and the Arts.

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

School uniform

Children are to attend school in/with the following items, in a clean and good condition:

- navy blue sweat shirt/jumper/cardigan
- blue or white polo shirt
- grey/black school trousers/skirt/shorts or pinafore dress*
- black, sturdy, flat soled 'school specific' shoes without 'open toes' and suitable for all weathers. (Trainers, crocs or other similar forms of footwear are not appropriate)

*Skirts, shorts and dresses worn as school uniform must be of *reasonable length* and be no shorter in general, than mid-way between the knee upper leg.

The wearing of sports attire, such as tight-fitting cycle or running shorts and logoed clothing, is not permitted unless actively participating in designated sports or physical activities (refer to the list below under Physical Education).

Coats: The school encourages children to spend as much time outdoors as possible, even in inclement weather conditions. Therefore, coats that are suitable

to the weather conditions are required. There are no restrictions as to type of coat worn, however it is strongly advised that they are waterproof in nature.

Physical Education

- light blue / white T-shirt
- black / blue PE shorts or track-suit bottoms
- plimsolls for indoor use / trainers for outdoor activities.

During cold periods children may also benefit from bringing an additional jumper to school.

NB: PE is a National Curriculum subject and therefore a legal requirement. Children who do not bring PE kit to school may be required to wear clothing provided for them, or if appropriate, complete activities in school uniform.

PE Kit should be worn for after school sporting clubs, unless told otherwise.

Purchasing school uniform

Some items can be ordered and purchased at the school office. Parents should be aware that some orders may require a stock order and should not assume that it will be available on the day. The school does not sell PE clothing other than T-Shirts.

When ordering uniform, please enquire as to the cost and bring the exact money on collection. As the school is not a 'shop', it is often difficult to provide change.

Whilst the school promotes uniform that is branded with our logo, this is *not* a requirement. Parents may, if they wish, purchase items from other stores, including supermarkets and private retailers.

Labeling

All clothing should be clearly labeled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Loss and Damage

The school is not responsible for loss or damage of clothing or belongings. Items of 'lost property' are stored in the staffroom for collection. If you wish to check the lost property box, please speak to a member of staff. If another child damages property through neglect, the school will seek to support parents coming to a resolution, however the school is not liable for reimbursement.

Jewellery

For the safety of pupils and adults working with them, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small, plain studs for pierced ears).

Ear studs will need to be removed for PE activities. Staff are not permitted to remove or fit studs in ears, this must be done independently by the child. If this is not possible, plasters or tape, provided from home, can be applied.

Watches may be worn, however parents are advised that expensive items should not be worn, as the nature of school activities may lead to them being damaged unintentionally.

Headwear

We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reason*. However, caps and hats are actively encouraged for sun protection and winter hats may be worn when it is appropriate to do so.

*Plain hair / headbands, preferably blue or black may be worn to keep hair in place.

Hair

Hair should be kept neat and tidy with longer hair tied back, plaited or in a 'bun'. More extreme haircuts, including irregular shaving of the head, bright colouring or patterns are not appropriate. If your child has such hairstyles, it is expected that they will be allowed to 'grow out' and not be re cut or coloured.

Make Up

No makeup is to be worn by pupils, this includes nail varnish and temporary tattoos. Perfumes are not permitted, however it is understood that older children may use deodorants and anti-perspirant sprays. If used, they should be applied at home and not brought onto school premises. Any such items found on school site will be confiscated.

Non compliance

Under the guidance set by the Department of Education, (September 2013), a Headteacher, or a person authorized by the head teacher, may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This is not an exclusion but an 'authorized absence'. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid

school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an 'unauthorized absence'. In either case the absence is recorded and reported to the Local Authority.

Equalities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ashgate Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.