



## School Uniform Policy

**Purpose:** To set out the rationale for our school dress code and expected standards of appearance which upholds our school ethos

### We Aim to:

- Instil pride, support positive behaviour and discipline, and encourage students to identify with our school and its ethos
- Ensure that students are treated equally and fairly so that all students feel welcome irrespective of their race, religion, socio-economic background in order to promote cohesion and good relations between all members of our school community
- Establish an effective climate for learning by ensuring that students are dressed appropriately for school
- Ensure that our uniform is affordable and meets the principles of best value by providing a consistent dress code which is not subject to the latest fashion trends and thereby garments may be 'handed down' through the family/recycled. Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way and parents/carers will not be pressurised into buying unnecessary items

### Implementation:

- The School's dress code has been in place for a number of years. When changes to our dress code are being considered, a consultation process will be followed. This will include students (via Student Council), parents/carers, and representatives of different groups in the wider community
- Any changes to the policy will include a time frame for change, taking into consideration factors such as, the length of time before a student leaves school and possibly a phased introduction of any new items
- Requests for a variance will be considered in exceptional circumstances e.g. to meet the needs of a student who has temporary or permanent medical conditions. These should be made in writing to the Headteacher and will be considered on an individual basis within 10 days of receipt. Parents/Carers may choose by writing to appeal against the Headteacher's decision to the Governors Student Disciplinary Committee if they wish to do. This should be done within 10 working days of the Headteacher's decision. The Governors decision will be final.
- Every attempt will be made to limit the expense of uniform. Items of clothing which are required to display the school badge will be sold via the school. These will be provided at the lowest possible cost and the system will operate on a non profit making basis (price list attached). All other items may be sourced from any high street retailer.

### Non-compliance with the school's uniform/appearance policy and school rules

- The Headteacher can choose to discipline a student for breach of uniform/appearance policy and school rules. This may take the form of the following:
  - Internal Isolation
  - Send the student home

Should a student repeatedly refuse to comply with school uniform policy, the Headteacher can choose to exclude the student. It is expected that this will be in very exceptional circumstances

### Monitoring and Evaluation

- The Headteacher and School staff will monitor the costs of uniform items being sold via the school
- Uniform will be reported to the Governors Finance Committee on an annual basis
- The School Council will consider requests to changes to school uniform. Any alteration to our dress code considered worthy will be consulted on before being ratified by the Governing Body.

### Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Current Uniform List/Prices  
Appendix 2 - School Rules

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