



## UNIFORM POLICY

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### *LIVING AND LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.*

#### **Christian Values:**

Generosity, compassion, courage, forgiveness, reverence, respect, thankfulness, trust, perseverance, justice, service, truthfulness.

#### **Bible reference:**

"...the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

#### Policy References

This policy is written with reference to the following school policies:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding policies
- Remote learning policy
- Curriculum and Teaching and Learning policies
- Behaviour policy
- Staff, parent and child agreements
- Homework policy
- Marking Policy
- E-Learning policy
- PSHE and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) Policies
- Online Safety Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- SEND Policy and Able Gifted and Talented Policies
- Assessment Policy
- Single Equalities Policy.

Most of these policies are available on the school website. In addition, copies of the following policies are available, on request, from the school office.



## **Introduction**

At Weeton St Michael's we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Badged uniform can be purchased from Top Marque and local supermarkets stock other items. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

## **Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

## **Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please aim to do so at the beginning of the long summer holidays so that they can be removed in September.

Children are required to remove any items on the day of P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. **School accepts no responsibility for lost items or injury.**

**Please note:** Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue, grey or black to match our uniform and should be free from large decorations. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Extreme hairstyles and colours are not appropriate for school.

## **Footwear**

Flat, plain black shoes.

Black boots are also acceptable, however, they must not be large and must not prevent the children from sitting comfortably on the floor.

Because we spend a lot of time in our outdoors, it is also suggested that children have a named pair of wellies which are kept on welly pegs outside.

## **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the **child's name is visibly labelled** on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, we will consider such requests sympathetically. Please speak to the headteacher in the first instance.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and cost effective for parents.

### **Monitoring and Review**

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

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

### **School Uniform List**

There is a school uniform at Weeton St Michael's that's consists of:

- Blue jumpers and cardigans with embroidered school logo
- Plain blue shirt/polo shirt (Long or short Sleeved)
- School Tie (optional)
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Grey pinafores or skirts or blue and white check dress in warmer weather.
- Plain grey knee socks (not over the knee) or plain grey tights
- Dark ankle socks with trousers.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

### **P.E. Kit**

On PE days, children come to school in PE kit. They also need an indoor PE kit, in a drawstring bag that will be kept in school.

P.E. Uniform is:

- White ankle socks (separate from those worn with school uniform)
- Black/dark blue shorts (NOT cycling shorts)
- School badged P.E. t-shirt
- A pair of plimsolls/ pumps – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children for indoor P.E. in the hall
- Navy, royal blue or black jogging bottoms, school hoodie and sport trainers for outdoor PE in colder weather

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed prior to arrival at school.