

## SPIRE NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

# UNIFORM POLICY

### 1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in section 3 of this policy and in our school prospectus.

### 2 Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:-

- Promotes a positive image and sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

### 3 Uniform List

Below is a complete list of the items needed for school uniform:-

- \*Sweatshirt / Cardigan - Red or Navy (with or without school logo)
- \*Poloshirt - White or Gold (with or without school logo)
- Trousers / Skirts / Pinafores - Black, Grey or Navy
- Full flat shoes or trainers – dark colour

Below is a complete list of the items needed for PE:-

- \*Shorts - Black
- \*T-Shirt - Red, Yellow or Royal Blue (in the colour of house team)
- Plimsolls - preferably slip on or velcro fastening
- \*PE Bag (with or without school logo)

#### N.B.

- Black, Grey and Navy Shorts and Red or Blue checked Gingham dresses are also permitted in the summer months
- Items marked with a \* can be purchased / ordered through the school
- All items of clothing should be labeled clearly with child's name
- Children are not permitted to wear "hoodies" in school

- On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

## **6 The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

## **7 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.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **8 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;
- Requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.