



UNIFORM POLICY

Archibald First School

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event during, or outside, normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our website.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and a watch. We ask that children either remove these or cover them during PE and games. These must be removed for PE and swimming sessions. Staff will not remove earrings and are not responsible for them. The governing body will accept no responsibility for injury caused by a child wearing any jewellery. The school will not be held responsible for the loss of any jewellery on school premises.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Dyed colours, shaved swirls or Mohican type styles are not permitted. All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so for PE.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. Shoes should be appropriate to the age of the child and provide adequate protection for your child's feet. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers or football shoes to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. School shoes must be dark in colour with no flashes or coloured sections.

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The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of 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. Parents should 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 head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will consider sympathetically such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, taking into account national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and ensuring that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

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

Monitoring and Review

This policy was reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body. The policy will be reviewed every 2 years by the Leadership Support Committee.

Date agreed Summer 2012

Date of last review: Autumn 2015

Date of next review: Autumn 2017