



Parsons Down Partnership Of Schools School Uniform Policy



School Colours : Red and Grey

Introduction

It is our schools' policy that all children wear uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of items needed for school uniform in the Parent Handbook, and on the Uniform List attached – Appendix A

Ensuring pupils wear school uniform will:

- support positive behaviour and discipline,
- develop the school ethos,
- support effective teaching and learning.

Jewellery

For Health & Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our schools.

The exception to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask children to either remove these items during PE and games or to cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury.

Watches are permitted in the Junior School, but are worn at the pupil's own risk.

Haircuts

The schools do not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Footwear

Our schools want all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our schools. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers in school; this footwear is appropriate for playtime and sports, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We ask that all children wear shoes as stated on the uniform list.

Parent's Role

We ask all Parents who send their children to our schools 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 as stated on Our Home School Agreement is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

In order to avoid confusion and keep 'Lost property' to a minimum, all items of clothing, PE kit, bags etc **must** be clearly named, before being brought into school.

If any Parent would like the school to modify the School Uniform Policy, they should make a representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities; therefore if there is a reason on religious grounds why Parents may want their child to wear clothes that differ from the School Uniform Policy, the school will look sympathetically at the request.

Governors' Role

The Governing Bodies support the Headteachers in implementing the School Uniform Policy. They consider all representations from Parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteachers to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and sensitively.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our schools Uniform Policy is consistent with our Race Equality and Equal Opportunity Policy.

Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this policy, the Governing Body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy and support it,
- consider with the Headteacher any requests from Parents, for individual children to have special dispensations,
- require the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

Actions to be taken following a breach of the School Uniform Policy

When attending to incorrect wearing of uniform, all staff in school must ensure that any issue is dealt with considerately and discreetly.

The following actions will be taken if a child is not wearing the correct school uniform:

1. The Class Teacher will talk to the child to try to establish why he/she is not wearing the correct school uniform.
2. Where appropriate, ask the child to remove the non-uniform clothing, eg jumper/sweatshirt, or to change their footwear to indoor PE shoes.
3. The Class teacher to discuss the issue with the Parent.
4. Letter sent home to Parents – Appendix B
5. Headteacher to contact the family of the child directly to discuss a way forward.
6. Communication with the Governors – invitation to discuss their action and for parents to air their views.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

Equality and Diversity Policy
Health & Safety Policy
Behaviour Policy

This policy will be reviewed by the Full Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Policy Agreed: July 2013

Policy Review Date: July 2015

Chair of Governors



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Appendix A School Uniform List

Red sweatshirt with a v-neck and school logo
or
Red cardigan with a school logo

White polo shirts in the Infant School

White shirts/blouses in the Junior School

(It will not be a requirement to have polo shirts, shirts or blouses with a logo on.)

Boys

Grey trousers or shorts
Black socks

Girls

Grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafores
Red gingham summer dresses
Grey tights or white socks

School shoes should be black as they are easily available for both boys and girls and for Health and Safety reasons these should fit securely and have a low heel.
Trainers or boots will not be allowed.

Red shower proof jackets, fleece jackets, baseball caps and beanie hats are also available. Please note that these are optional items and are in no way compulsory. Children will be able to wear any colour coat or hat to school.



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Appendix B

Dear Parent,

I write to inform you that your son/daughter has not been wearing the correct school uniform recently and has been unable to offer a good reason for this.

We are very happy that the vast majority of our pupils wear the correct school uniform and we are keen to encourage them to continue to do so. We greatly value the support we receive from parents helping to ensure that our pupils follow our schools Uniform Policy, and the purpose of this letter is to ask for your continued support.

May I remind you that the uniform for the Parsons Down Partnership of Schools is as specified on the attached document (Appendix A of the School Uniform Policy.)

Please complete and return the section below.

If you have any difficulties with this or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

Reason for not Wearing the Correct School Uniform

Please tick all that apply and return to school:

- Lost
- Grown Out of
- Other – please specify

I will make sure that my child is in the correct school uniform

Child's Name Class

Signature Print Name

School Uniform Policy Remission Arrangements

In the interests of inclusion and the maintenance of high standards, the school will provide support for eligible families.

Families will be entitled to support with school uniform purchase if they are eligible for free school meals or their parent(s)/carer(s) are in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed the advised maximum.

If a child is registered for free school meals* or their parent(s)/ carer(s) are in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit parents may be eligible to receive funding for 50% of the cost of the following items on production of receipts to **a maximum of £15 per academic year:**

Grey trousers or shorts
Grey skirt or pinafore dress
White shirt/ blouse
Red gingham summer dress
Red V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan with School logo
P.E. kit – black shorts and plain white t-shirt

Before purchasing any school uniform item families must register, in complete confidence, with the School Business Manager.

No financial refunds will be given for items purchased prior to agreement being made with the School or without receipts.

****Eligibility for free school meals:***

To be eligible for free school meals families must be in receipt of one of the following:

- *Income Support*
- *Income based Job Seekers Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit (but not entitled to Working Tax Credit and annual income not to exceed the Government allowance for the relevant tax year)*
- *Guarantee element of State Pension Credit or*
- *National Asylum Support*