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# Walter Halls School Uniform Policy

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# 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 outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and is detailed in Appendix 1.

On days when your child is having PE we would ask that they wear their PE kit to school instead of their uniform. PE days are shared with you and your child at the start of the academic year.

## 2 Aims and objectives

Our uniform policy aims to be equal, practical and comfortable for all pupils with a strategy based on logo, colours and patterns, and is based on that school uniform:

- promotes a 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;
- the school is committed to ensuring that its school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents.

The school implements a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that pupils are not required to wear specific items based on their gender, and may wear any of the uniform items listed in the “school uniform” section of this policy regardless of the legal sex recorded on the school’s records. Transgender pupils are supported with access to the uniform that best reflects their gender expression.

At Walter Halls Primary School, we are all CPO26 ambassadors (the 2021 United Nations Climate change conference) as we work together to look after our planet. Parents and children are encouraged to use pre-loved uniforms through the local charity the School Uniform Project, the information for which is provided below:

Free School Uniform Project for Nottingham, UK

Contact: Emma for NG8, Sarah & Sara for NG5, Harriet for NG2, Laura for Lenton

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## 3 Jewelry

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewelry 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. In any case where the parents insist that they wear objects during PE the parents must give written consent and acceptance of liability.

## 4 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have ‘extreme’ haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

## **5 Footwear**

The school wants 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 school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

## **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;
- the school will ensure that parents and pupils are consulted over any changes to school uniform, and that views and advice is sought specifically from pupils, and parents of pupils, who:
  - are transgender, including non-binary pupils
  - have a SEND and / or sensory needs
  - are of a religious or cultural background that had dress requirements.

## APPENDIX 1

### Uniform

Please ensure all pupil's clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name:

#### Mainly blue with grey

Trousers / skirts / pinafores / shorts - grey

Sweatshirts or cardigans - navy blue

Polo shirts / shirts - sky blue

Socks/tights – white, navy blue or dark (non-patterned)

Summer dresses - blue and white check



#### Shoes

Smart dark school shoes or a smart dark trainer shoe (please avoid slip on shoes for safety). All shoes must be secure, and no colours or logos.



#### P.E. Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Plain navy-blue or dark shorts / navy or dark leggings / plain or dark jogging bottoms

Trainers

#### Bags

Branded bookbags are also available as either a satchel or handheld bag from the school office as an optional item for parents to purchase.

#### Ensuring value for money

The school currently works with Kit-Out to provide branded school uniform available to purchase from the school office. This is to allow parents to access branded products without having to travel (the closest branded uniform supplier is now based in Arnold following the closure of Schoolwear Solutions). All branded products are sold at cost and are reviewed with the supplier regularly to ensure that they remain competitive and in line with product pricing for other branded primary school wear. Kit-Out also offer a delivery service.

Unbranded school wear is also promoted and readily available from local supermarkets in the school uniform colours e.g. Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys.

Signed:



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