



# **Downlands Community** **School**

## Uniform Policy

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## Statement of intent

At Downlands Community School, it is our intent that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

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

- promotes a sense of pride in school,
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging,
- is practical and smart,
- identifies the children with the school,
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance,
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

## Uniform List

Navy school sweatshirt with embroidered school logo

Light blue polo shirt, plain or with embroidered school logo

Grey trousers, skirts, shorts, pinafore dress

Light blue gingham dress in the summer

Plain navy, black, grey or white socks

Plain grey or navy tights

Plain black school shoes or hybrid shoe/trainers (No boots, sports trainers, open toed sandals, heels or jellies.)



Permitted example



Not permitted example

We have a large range of clean pre-loved uniform available for purchase from Friends of Downlands.

## **PE Kit**

Plain navy shorts

Light blue t-shirt with embroidered school logo

Black plimsolls for FS2 & KS1

Trainers for KS2

KS2 may use **plain** navy jogging bottoms/leggings and/or sweatshirt (no hoodies) for outdoor lessons in cold weather

## **Hair and Jewellery**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children e.g. mohicans and coloured hair. Grey or navy alic bands, bobbles and bows may be worn in the hair but we ask that these are not large and fussy. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. This is to help prevent the spread of head lice and the risk of entanglement in equipment such as climbing frames and apparatus.

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are a pair of plain stud earrings and medical identity bracelet/necklace if appropriate. Earrings must be removed for PE or covered with plasters (supplied from home.)

A watch may be worn if your child can tell the time but no smartwatches.

Please contact the office if your child wishes to wear jewellery for religious reasons.

## **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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. A uniform infringement letter will be sent home if our school uniform expectations are not being met.

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, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at 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 headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably. Decisions on this will be at the headteacher's discretion.

## **The role of governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and 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**

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- 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 in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.