

# Starcross Primary School & Preschool

## Uniform Policy



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### POLICY HISTORY/AMENDMENT RECORD

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## **1. Introduction**

A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone” (DfE, May 2012). STARCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL values uniform as it can instill pride, positive behaviour, a sense of belonging and adoption of the school ethos. It is our expectation and school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, on the journey to and from school and when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours.

The school Governors ask parents/carers to ensure that all pupils from Reception to Year 6 wear the school uniform and have the right kit for PE. Nursery are able to wear their own clothes, although jumpers and cardigans are available with the Starcross Pre-school Logo on, should families wish to purchase these. The school complies with the DfE guidance, *Cost of School Uniforms* (DfE, November 2021.).

## **2. Objectives**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- protects pupils from pressures to conform with fashion trends
- nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils
- creates a sense of community and belonging across the school
- is practical and smart
- identifies pupils with the school
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- prepares pupils for the world of work
- promotes health and safety
- is affordable for families

## **3. Statutory Duties of School, Pupils and Parents/Carers**

### **3.1 Principles**

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school in the correct uniform. Starcross Primary School will make every effort to promote good uniform and support where needed, including part-funding when necessary. The school supports the PTFA to run second hand school uniform sales regularly to support the accessibility of reasonably priced items and to reduce the environmental impact of clothes production.

### **3.2 What will happen if a pupil cannot wear the correct uniform to school?**

If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason we ask that parents or carers write/email a note to the teacher to explain the reason why. We understand that for some children wearing specific clothing can be challenging, and we do not wish uniform to become a barrier to accessing school. Where families require support with uniform, the school may be able to loan uniform on a temporary basis or support families to source reasonably priced items. In some circumstances the school can provide uniform for children. Parent/carer and school need to agree a date for the child to have their own uniform.

## Where can you purchase the uniform?

School uniform can be purchased from our online retailer. Details of this are available on our website. School shirts, skirts and trousers can be purchased from anywhere of a parent's choice as long as they are of the correct colour. Our PTA run a second-hand uniform stall at our Summer and Christmas Fairs but should parents/carers wish to purchase at any other time the PTA can be contacted through the School Office.

### 3.3 Responsibility of Parents/Carers

- Ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. When this is not possible please liaise with school, as per this policy
- Support school sanctions for incorrect uniform
- Ensure your child has an adequate bag appropriate for school
- Remember to label all items of clothing with the child's name and class group
- Ensure your child brings in their outdoor learning on the correct days. These can be kept in school.
- On days where the child has PE, they are to come to school in PE kit

### 3.4 Support for Parents/Carers

Should parents/carers be finding it difficult to afford correct school uniform, they can submit a request for uniform to the school. This must be done in writing (including e-mail) to the headteacher, and state the reasons needed for further support.

## 4. What is our uniform?

School Uniform
<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy Blue Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo. This is the only branded piece of uniform required. We ask children to have at least one jumper or cardigan with a logo on. Plain navy blue sweatshirts and cardigans are allowed to be worn.</li><li>• Yellow Polo Shirt</li><li>• Dark Grey skirt, dress, skorts, shorts or trousers (tailored items, not sports variety)</li><li>• Black/ grey socks or tights</li><li>• Plain black shoes (no sandals or open toed shoes)</li></ul> <p>Optional summer uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blue and white checked summer dresses with white socks.</li></ul>
PE Kit
<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain white T-shirt</li><li>• Plain navy-blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms</li><li>• Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (same as main school uniform)</li><li>• Suitable Trainers</li></ul>

## **5. General Uniform Expectations at Starcross Primary School**

- Pupils are expected to be neat, clean and equipped for their learning.
- A plain coat can be worn.
- No hats or caps may be worn in school buildings unless for medical reasons. However, pupils are permitted to wear a plain sun hat/cap for PE and other outside activities on sunny days, for protection.
- Hair must be of a natural colour; no tram lines and not cut shorter than a grade. Extreme hairstyles such as Mohicans etc. are not permitted. Hair accessories should be minimal and discreet.
- Long hair (shoulder length or longer) is tied back and hair which falls into eyes clipped back. Please use simple bands and clips in school colours.
- A single pair of small, plain, discrete earrings/studs and a watch may be worn. Facial, tongue and body piercings are not permitted. Nail varnish must be of a natural colour and no acrylic nails permitted. Make up is not permitted.
- If worn, necklaces must be discreet and not visible. Pupils may not wear this during PE or physical activities.

## **6. EQUIPMENT**

### **6.1 General**

Parents/carers should ensure their child arrives at school each day with the correct equipment in a book bag/rucksack capable of holding:

- Any library books loaned to pupils for use at home or in school must be cared for and returned at the end of the period of loan.

## **7. LOST PROPERTY**

If you would like to enquire about an item of lost clothing please check with the school office or the class teacher. If you find any lost property, please hand into the school office. All lost property is stored in a in the main hallway if you wish to check for any missing items. Any lost property which remains unclaimed by the end of the half term will be donated to a local charity shop/used for spare clothing within the school.

## **8. DAMAGED PROPERTY**

If a child damages their uniform or clothing at school or on a school trip, the school will not accept responsibility for this or provide financial compensation for these items. The same applies to personal clothing or property when worn in school or on a school trip.