

# VICTORIA ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



## School Uniform POLICY DOCUMENT

REVIEWED:

ACCEPTED BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS:

Signature of Chair of Governors: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Head Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why We Have a School Uniform**

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations. All our pupils are expected to dress according to our uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us and is a way in which we identify ourselves as a school community, promoting a strong cohesive identity, which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. Our uniform also promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school and enhances security.

- Uniforms unite our school and pupils make a commitment that, when they put on a Victoria Road uniform, they will abide by the rules of the community. It instills a sense of pride and supports positive behavior and discipline.

- Uniforms help to reduce distractions and help our children focus on achieving success. It helps to protect children from social pressures, to dress in a particular way or have the latest fashion items.

- Our uniform helps us all feel equal, and ensures that pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome. It nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils. It helps to protect children from social pressure

- Our uniform helps all our children look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all the decisions made by school staff, regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

The School's Governing Body decide the policy for school uniform, which is reviewed periodically and request that the policy is adhered to by all families in a consistent way.

All parents sign a Home/School partnership document when their child joins the school which confirms they will be abide by our uniform policy.

### **Children not wearing School Uniform**

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. A note will be sent home if children are not wearing their correct uniform and persistent non-compliance may well mean a meeting between parents and the Family Liaison Officer.

There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing their school uniform. In this case parents/carers should share the reasons with the class teacher either in person or a note in the child's contact book.

The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. We would encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as part of a fund raising event or topic day. Parents/Carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

### **Equal Opportunities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform is affordable and most items are available from local stores and supermarkets. We do not expect parents to buy uniform with a logo,

however, our sweatshirts, fleeces, PE T- shirts, book bags and gym bags which have the logo embroidered or screen printed are available from our on-line supplier at [www.kentschooluniform.com](http://www.kentschooluniform.com).

### **Our Uniform**

<b>Winter Uniform</b>	<b>Summer Uniform</b>
Round neck navy sweatshirt (with or without embroidered logo) Or Navy zipped fleece	Navy cardigan, Navy pullover or navy sweatshirt
White polo/shirt/blouse	White polo/shirt/blouse
Black or grey trousers with plain black or grey socks or Navy, black or grey skirt/pinafore with navy or grey tights to match.	Black or grey trousers/shorts with plain black or grey socks or Navy or grey skirt/shorts with plain white knee or ankle socks
	Blue and white checked summer dress with plain white knee or ankle socks
	Sun hat or cap and sun cream
School book bag (no rucksacks or other bags)	School book bag (no rucksacks or other bags)
Warm coat (ideally waterproof)	Coat (ideally waterproof)
Black school shoes or plain black trainers or ankle boots. Wellington boots can be worn to school but will need to be changed when indoors.	Black school shoes or plain black trainers.
Water Bottle	Water Bottle
<b>Winter PE Kit</b>	<b>Summer PE Kit</b>
Plain white t-shirt	Plain white t-shirt
Plain tracksuit top and bottoms (Navy)	Red shorts
Dark trainers or plimsolls	Dark trainers or plimsolls
Shoe bag (drawstring)	Shoe bag (drawstring)

We are well aware of the cost of clothing so everything must be clearly labelled to avoid loss, confusion and time wastage.

### **Jewellery and Accessories**

<b>Valuables:</b>	
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	pupils may wear a watch, not a smart watch (these must be handed into the class teacher with the class mobile phones and not worn during the day at school). but they do so at their own risk. No responsibility can be taken by the school for damage or loss incurred.
<b><u>Jewellery:</u></b>	jewellery is not appropriate for school wear. Should parents insist that earrings be worn, then studs only are allowed. Earrings should be removed for PE and if they cannot be removed will be taped for the PE lesson. Children should not wear necklaces, bracelets or rings etc.
<b>Nail Varnish:</b>	nail varnish or false nails are not appropriate for school.
<b>Make-up:</b>	make-up should not be worn to school.
<b>Hair:</b>	long hair must be tied back, no hair extensions must be worn or oversized hair accessories, such as Jo Jo bows. No hair dye should be used or artistic shapes cut into hair.
<b>Footwear:</b>	footwear should not be in the form of high heels, open toe or sling-back shoes and sandals
<b>Tatoos:</b>	tattoos whether fake or real are not allowed. The only exception to this is if there is a religious significance and this should be discussed with the Headteacher prior to the tattoo being applied.

### **Lost Property**

All mislaid items are either placed in a bin inside each of the boys/girls cloakrooms or in the lost property box outside the main school office. We try to return named items and every so often a member of staff will sort through the lost property and all unclaimed property is put out for parents to look at. At the end of every term, all unclaimed items of uniform will be put forward to our second-hand uniform store.

### **Religion and our School Uniform**

We recognise that our children are from different religious backgrounds and some elements of our school uniform may need to be amended to accommodate some beliefs. These amendments can only be made in a parent/headteacher meeting. Please see the information below.

#### **Buddhism**

In general there are no religious requirements for every day dress for Buddhists.

**Christianity**

For the majority of Christians there are no particular dress requirements. In some Christian sects such as the Plymouth Brethren women and girls are expected to wear headscarves and modest clothing.

**Hinduism**

In general it is not considered acceptable for a Hindu woman to have uncovered legs.

**Judaism**

Dress requirements vary with orthodoxy. For more orthodox Jews women and girls are expected to keep the body covered and married women cover their hair. Boys and men often wear a skullcap.

**Islam**

The reason for young women beyond puberty wishing to wear full clothing is modesty; this is, not wishing to receive unnecessary attention.

Young women are appropriately modestly dressed if they are wearing a salwar Kammez or Jilbaab with headscarf without the need to wear niqaab in school.

Men are expected to be covered from the waist to knee in public places, many Muslim men may also choose to wear a cap but this is not a compulsory religious requirement.

**Sikhism**

In general covering the body is a requirement. All initiated Sikhs wear the five "K" symbols as a sign of their initiation into the Sikh community. Male Sikhs wear a turban, the removal of this is unacceptable.

**Rastafarian**

Rastafarian women dress modestly. There is a taboo on wearing second hand clothing and therefore, children may be unwilling to wear borrowed clothing for PE etc.