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Jewellery and Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 At St Johns Primary School, 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/website.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion 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;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Jewellery, defined as any personal ornament such as necklaces, rings, bracelets, or chokers that are typically made from metal. At St John’s we also consider jewellery made from other materials to be unsuitable for school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring 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.

3.2. Any piece worn as decoration is not considered suitable for wearing in School. The suitability of jewellery items are at the discretion of the head. This may include religious or faith items. To avoid loss or accidental damage leave valuables at home. Children who have piercings must have an authorisation form completed by their parents. The Governors strongly recommend that children of Primary School age should not have any other body piercing as nose and tummy piercing can be very dangerous during Physical/Playground Activity

3.3 Wristwatches may be worn but must be removed before PE. Children should not wear false nails. Children wearing false or acrylic nails will be asked to sit out of PE and some Design and Technology activities as these are deemed as a health and safety risk.

3.4. In the interests of safety, no earrings should be worn with studs being the only exception allowed. The removal of studs before taking part in physical activity is essential and must be done by the child. If the child is unable to do this then the child’s Studs must be removed before school by the child’s parents/carers. If they are wearing studs and they have PE and are unable to remove them independently they will miss their PE lesson in the interests of the health and safety of them and the others in their class. Studs must be removed before swimming.
4 **Extreme haircuts**

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

5 **Footwear**

5.1 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**

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

6.3 Parents are responsible for ensuring this happens on any day their child has PE. If a child attends school wearing studs they cannot remove then Parents will be informed. The child will not be allowed to undertake the PE lesson under any circumstances. Parents are responsible for the removal of all body piercing.

6.4 **Teachers** will risk assess each lesson to decide whether the activity could be a high risk to nose/tummy piercing. If they decide there is a risk, children may be asked to sit out for part of that lesson to avoid any accidental injury.

7 **The role of governors**

7.1 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.

7.2 It is the governors’ responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 **Monitoring and review**

8.1 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;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented
Following the Governors Meeting the following updated uniform policy was reviewed and agreed.

- Navy, grey or black trousers / skirts / pinafores
- White shirt
- Navy sweatshirt / cardigan with school logo
- Navy v neck jumper with school logo
- Navy and red stripe clip on tie
- Blue check gingham summer dress
- Navy, grey or black uniform shorts (summer term)
- Flat, black school shoes (no high heels)
- Flat, black ankle height boots (no high heels)
- No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colours
- No makeup or false nails to be worn

**PE KIT:**
Navy shorts (mid-thigh length)/ white t-shirt /black plimsolls /trainers for outdoor use / tracksuit optional -PE Bag provided by the school.

Uniform with logo will be available online at My Clothing and online and in store at Matilda and Jack. Ties and book bags will only be available from Matilda and Jack online and at 43 Oxford Street, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3AH