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Policy for School Uniform

1 Introduction

1.1 It is our policy that all children should 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, as detailed below.

1.2 The uniform for Holywood PS is:-

GIRLS P1 – P7 wear each day
A white long or short-sleeved blouse, school tie, grey skirt or pinafore and dark grey wool jumper or cardigan
White or grey knee socks
Black or grey tights
Plain grey trousers (may be worn)

Summer Uniform (optional for all girls)
Yellow gingham dress
White or dark grey cardigan
White or grey ankle socks

BOYS P1 – P7 wear each day
A white long or short-sleeved shirt, school tie, dark grey wool v-necked jumper, grey trousers or grey shorts.

Plain black school shoes must be worn by all pupils.

PE Kits
PE Kit includes a plain white round neck t-shirt, black shorts, white socks and appropriate footwear. Teachers will inform pupils of additional items required for specific activities e.g. outdoor games, swimming.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of small, plain gold or silver studs in ears and a watch.

We ask children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

Please note: Personal property of any kind is brought into school at the owner's own risk, school cannot be held liable for any loss or damage.

4 Extreme haircuts & makeup

Children must have haircuts which are neat and tidy, which reinforce the smart appearance that the uniform promotes with no extreme haircuts that could, in the opinion of the Principal, serve as a distraction to other children. This includes exceptionally short shaved hair or the shaving of letters, logos, tram - lines or names, hair colourants or dyes being put into a child's hair. Hair accessories must be plain. Make up, nail varnish and body designs (tattoos) are not permitted.

5 Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list in 1.2 above.

6 The role of parents and carers

6.1 We ask all parents and carers to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a responsibility to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should 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 Principal. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are legitimate reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers 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 and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Principal.

7 The role of Governors

7.1 The Board of Governors supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the Principal 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 any legal requirements concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on 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 When reviewing this policy, the Board of Governors will:

- seek the views of parents and carers.
- consider with the Principal any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Principal to report to the Governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

8.2 This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Governors as necessary.