ST.ANNE'S COPP CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREAT ECCLESTON

UNIFORM POLICY



"Let us love, not in word, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)

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In building solid foundations for every unique individual and putting God's love at the centre of all we do, our children learn to embrace our diverse world. We encourage our children to learn universally in order to understand our heritage and roots as a village, town, region and nation. Through strong community links, our children grow in compassion and understanding, promote justice and possess aspirations to make a positive difference. We offer an ambitious curriculum that ignites curiosity along with high personal expectations that fosters resilience and which enables them to flourish. Our children are easily distinguished by the courage they show when making brave choices and understand the importance of becoming the very best versions of themselves.

Rationale
It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in specified school events outside normal school hours.

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children within the school;
- is not distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money;
- has been designed with health, safety and practicality in mind.

Jewellery
On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery at Copp School. The exceptions to this rule are **plain earring studs** in pierced ears. As children need to be able to remove these for physical activities (including extra-curricular activities), we ask that children only get their ears pierced during the summer holidays and only when they are of an age to remove them without assistance, as staff are not permitted to take out earrings. Watches which are discreet and of a sensible size are also allowed. Fitbits are also allowed, as we feel that this promotes health and fitness, however, we do not allow the use of smart watches such as apple watches as these can be a distraction to learning.

Nail Varnish
Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish in school. If a child comes to school with nail varnish on, we will assist them in safely removing it.

Hair
The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or to wear hardening hair gel, as this has health and safety implications. Hair wear should be practical and in the school colours. Large bows, ribbons and other hair accessories (such as colourful hair braids) which the school deem unsuitable for uniform, will not be allowed.

Hard headbands must be removed for PE and hair should be tied back. Long hair should be tied back to prevent any outbreaks of nits.

Smart watches and wearable technology
Pupils must not wear or bring personal smart watches or other wearable technology to school where the device has communication, internet, recording, camera, messaging, notification, location-tracking or similar smart functionality. This includes, but is not limited to, smart watches, smart rings such as Oura rings, smart glasses such as Meta glasses, fitness or health trackers with smart/communication functions, and any future wearable technology with similar capabilities. Such devices are not considered part of the school uniform and should be left at home. This is to minimise distraction, protect pupils' privacy and safety, and maintain a calm environment conducive to learning.

Assistive technology and medical devices are exempt where their use is necessary to meet an identified special educational, accessibility or medical need. The school will make reasonable adjustments where required and will agree appropriate arrangements with parents/carers and relevant professionals. Where a device has additional functions beyond those necessary for the pupil's identified need, the school may agree restrictions on those functions during the school day. Any approved device must be used only for its agreed purpose and in accordance with the school's safeguarding, acceptable-use and mobile-device arrangements.

The school reserves the right to apply these expectations to new or emerging technologies where a device has functionality comparable to a mobile phone or other prohibited smart technology, regardless of its appearance, brand or primary marketed purpose.

Footwear
Copp School wants all our pupils to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear non-supportive shoes, shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers (unless for a sports event or PE day) or boots to school, unless there is a medical reason.

Outdoor Wear
We expect parents to provide their children with clothing appropriate to the weather. Coats should generally be brought to school, due to the inclement weather in this country. Gloves and warm headwear should be provided in the coldest months. Sunhats and sunscreen should be provided when warranted (please see Sun Policy).

All clothing should be named to avoid loss or unnecessary delay in finding the owner of mislaid items. Any unclaimed lost property will be sent to charity at the end of each half term.

Parents and carers are able to purchase a St. Anne's Copp hoodie from the school office that can be worn on PE days.

Uniform Items

WINTER UNIFORM (worn from Autumn 2 term to Spring term)
Tailored grey trousers/grey shorts
White hard-collared shirt and school tie
Copp School jumper/cardigan
Blue tartan/pinafore dress
Grey or black socks
Grey tights
Black school shoes

SUMMER UNIFORM (worn in Autumn 1 thalf term and the final summer term)
Blue and white striped/checked dress

Pale blue polo shirt
Tailored grey trousers / grey shorts
Copp School jumper/cardigan
Grey/white socks or grey/white tights
Black school shoes

On some occasions, we recognise that children may have sensory issues and in these circumstances, and with prior agreement, children may wear a plain white polo shirt to replace the hard collar.

NB. Boots or trainers are not allowed for daily use, except for medical reasons.

Games and PE Kit
*Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms/leggings
*White 'T' shirt
Pumps (trainers may be used for outdoor athletics activities)
Copp hoodie
Warm kit to be provided for outdoor activities in colder weather (blue jogging pants)
Football boots (to be bought when advised)
Socks (see above - no tights to be worn for PE)

*Branded items are not permitted.

Children come to school on their designated PE day in their PE kit.

Breaches of school uniform policy
For minor breaches of school uniform policy:

- pupils may be asked to remove items eg jewellery, inappropriate hair wear;
- pupils will be given nail varnish remover to remove nail polish;
- children will be asked to wash off temporary tattoos.

For major breaches of school uniform policy, parents may be asked to collect their child from school until the breach has been addressed. This does not constitute an exclusion.

In the event that a parent feels that the school uniform policy breaches the requirement of the school to promote equality of race or religion, it would be appropriate to request that this is processed through consultation with the Governing Body.

Parents who withhold their child from school because of a disagreement about the school uniform policy, render themselves open to prosecution by the Local Authority because the absence will not be authorised by the school.

Children may wear their own clothes on their birthday or the nearest day to this. We ask that children wear sensible clothes that are practical for the school environment and will not breach our Health and Safety Policy.

Children are asked to come in their PE kit on their designated class PE day. This may be subject to change each half term, however, families will be notified in the last week of every half term in advance of any change.

On occasion, there will be non-uniform days; parents will be notified of these and whether or not they apply to their child. If non-uniform does not apply to a particular child, or the child does not want to take part in a themed dress day, then the child should wear their uniform as normal. If this rule is not adhered to, children will be asked to change into a PE kit.

There may be extreme occasions where children are allowed to wear cooler clothing due to hot weather. In these instances, this will be communicated to parents via the central communication system of Class Dojo.

The role of parents
We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy tacitly and through the home/school agreement. 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.

The role of governors
The Governing Board supports the school 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 responsibility of the Governing Board 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.

The Governing Board 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, the governing body will consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.