



## Hamsterley PRIMARY SCHOOL 74.School Uniform Policy

### 1 Introduction

1.1 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 brochure (appendix 1.)

### 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. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, a wrist watch and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury (the children will be responsible for any items they bring to school). The children must be remove all jewellery and ear-rings for swimming lessons and it would be easier if on PE days jewellery items were removed before coming to school.

3.2 We understand that children may want to wear a watch in school. These can be analogue or digital watches. However, 'smart' watches which contain a camera are completely unacceptable in school. The taking of photographs in school is covered by our safeguarding procedures and the risk of photos being taken of people who have not given consent is not acceptable during the school day. Please ensure they are not brought into school.



#### 4 Footwear

4.1 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.

#### 5 The role of parents

5.1 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.

5.2 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 The role of governors

6.1 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:

- 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.

Signed:

Mrs Lynn Cowans Headteacher

Mr Mark den Hollander Chair of Governors

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## 74. Appendix 1:



# School Uniform

We want your child to wear their uniform with pride and enjoy feeling an important member of Hamsterley Primary School. We encourage all children to take responsibility for their uniform in school by hanging coats and jumpers on pegs and putting their PE kit bags on their pegs after use.

Uniform can be purchased directly from 'Elizabeth's Embroidery' use this link to go directly to their online web site, and use the school identification password 'hams'.

<http://www.elizabethsembroidery.com>

Or Cr8tive Graphics <https://hamsterley.cre8tivegraphics.co.uk> use this link to go directly to their online web site. You can also visit their shop at 12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7LF where they hold a small selection of school uniform ready to purchase or to try on the various sizes.

Royal blue tops and grey skirts and trousers can also be purchased without the school logo at many retailers.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON ALL OF THEIR UNIFORM.**

Whilst we endeavour to return named items we are sorry but school cannot be responsible for lost uniform.



School colour: Royal Blue

Royal blue sweatshirt with logo

Royal blue jogging pants

Royal blue Polo shirt with logo

Grey trousers or Grey Skirt or Blue gingham summer dress

Children change into indoor plimsolls to keep the school as clean and mud-free as possible.



## SPORTS WEAR

Royal blue T-shirt with or without logo, Royal blue shorts plimsolls for indoors and trainers for outdoors. P.E. kit needs to be kept in school at all times in the blue sports bag. It will be sent home so parents can wash the kit at the end of  $\frac{1}{2}$  term. PE days may change throughout the year so it is important that your child has their kit in school throughout each half term. PE may be outside so to keep warm during outdoor PE activities in the winter months, children should wear jogging pants /trousers and trainers. Children have bare feet when doing dance.



## SWIMMING

Swimming at Wolsingham Pool is timetabled for each class and parents/carers are kept informed which class is swimming each term by letter and also on the school website. Our children currently swim from reception to year 6. Times for the new school year are notified when we receive them from County along with reminders of swimming rules and required equipment. All children must wear swimming hats and all jewellery must be removed before swimming.