St Paul's C of E Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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Signed ……Mark Gaunt Chair of Governors Date……

Signed……Joanne Rowley Headteacher Date……

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1 Introduction

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education.
We understand that items with distinctive school branded characteristics (such as those that include a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We hope that pupils who attend St. Paul's are proud to belong to the school and should wish to be identified with us by the wearing of our distinctive school uniform. The uniform list is kept as brief as possible and with as much variation within the list as is reasonable to avoid undue expenditure on the part of the parents.

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. Children should have appropriate clothing for PE - again comprehensive and common sense guidance is given in the school brochure (updated as appropriate by circular letter to parents.)

2 Aims and objectives

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 whilst being reasonably priced.
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could prove both excessively expensive for some parents and socially divisive 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, safety and suitability in mind - especially in PE.

Our main school uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (this can be either with or without the school logo)
- Grey/black trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts
- White polo shirts or white shirts/blouses
- Red & White check dress (summer)

PE Kit
Black plimsolls/pumps/ trainers for outdoor
Black shorts
White Tee- shirt

Children should bring their PE kits into school at the beginning of each half term in the red PE bags provided by the school.

Parents are requested NOT to send children to school in jeans, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, patterned T – shirts and leisure wear.

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games. We require the children to cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury.

4 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit extreme haircuts e.g. Mohican style, patterns cut into hair, which can serve as a distraction to other children. If a parent wants their child to have an extreme haircut we would ask parents to confine this to the holidays and ensure that it has grown out by the time that the child returns to school. Parents should also be aware that tattoos are not permitted.

5 Footwear

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. A rule of thumb guide might be, "Could my child run round a playground in these shoes?" We request children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The school would prefer children to wear black shoes and not trainers. However, if trainers are to be worn then they should be black with a discrete logo. Brightly coloured trainers are not acceptable; 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. In the winter month's boots may be worn.

6 The role of parents

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.

7 The role of governors

The governing board 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.

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

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

8 Monitoring and review

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.

9 Pre-Loved uniform

Often we have lots of 'lost property' clothing which will we put outside the main office during the last week of each term for parents/carers to either claim their lost items or help themselves. Everyone will be welcome to browse and to take any items they may be able to make use of.

Donating

Any items donated to school should be taken to Walkden Gateway where there is a section of uniform specifically for St. Paul's.

Items donated ***must be washed/ironed*** and placed in the boxes provided outside the main school office. Please only donate items that are of an ***excellent condition*** that you would wish your own child to wear.

For hygiene reasons we cannot accept shoes, socks, tights or underwear but we will take:

- red school jumpers and cardigans with or without the school logo on
- white polo shirts
- grey/black trousers and shorts
- grey/black skirts and pinafores
- red & white gingham summer dresses
- black PE shorts
- PE pumps
- Jackets and coats

Uniform can be donated at any point throughout the year.

Signed:

Date: