

# SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



## **INTRODUCTION**

The Local Governing Body (LGB) of Simonside Primary School has decided that children wearing a school uniform is an essential part of its ethos and rules. It believes that this helps all children to feel equal and to feel that they are part of a team working together.

When drawing up its school uniform policy, the LGB has ensured that it carries out its responsibilities under the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010 and Education (Guidance about Cost of School Uniforms) Act 2021. Governors are committed to making sure the uniform is practical, smart, designed with health and safety in mind and considered to represent good value for money.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

We believe that wearing a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging to the school
- identifies pupils within the school and when out in the wider community
- supports the school's commitment to inclusion.

Children should wear school uniform in school and at school organised events outside normal school hours. However, on residential and other educational visits and events children may be asked to wear clothes better suited to keeping them safe or protected during the range of outdoor activities they will be doing.

## **THE ROLE OF PARENTS**

We ask parents/carers to support the school uniform policy by making sure their children have the correct uniform and PE kit and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items.

If a child is not able to wear school uniform for a short time, please let school know. This should help the child not to feel awkward or embarrassed. It may be possible to borrow items of uniform from lost property or donated items for that day. The same will apply for those children who do not have PE kit for their lesson.

If a parent/carer has difficulties with uniform for any reason, please speak confidentially to a senior member of staff or Kay Dixon, our Pupil Support Adviser. Parents/carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help. We often receive very kind donations of uniform that is still in excellent condition and can be passed on. Please don't hesitate to donate any uniform you no longer need.

The school welcomes families from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, such requests will be considered sympathetically. If any parent/carer would like to request an exemption to the uniform policy, they should contact the headteacher.

## **THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS**

The LGB draws up and implements the school uniform policy in consultation with the Headteacher. In doing so, it complies with all guidance and then ensures the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. The Governing Body ensures that the policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe, practical and represents good value for money.

Governors are responsible for monitoring and reviewing this policy.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST - Please ensure all items are named to make it easier to return misplaced items.**

- ✓ Grey sweatshirt or cardigan preferably with school logo.
- ✓ Black or grey trousers, leggings skirts, pinafore dresses.
- ✓ White polo shirts with school logo or plain white polo shirts.
- ✓ Green checked dresses may be worn in warmer weather.
- ✓ Black shoes or trainers with no markings.

## **PE KIT LIST - Please ensure all items are named to make it easier to return misplaced items.**

- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ White or grey 'T' shirt
- ✓ Plimsolls, pumps for indoor PE (Velcro fasteners are better for younger children), trainers for outdoors
- ✓ Jogging bottoms may be worn outdoors in colder weather.
- ✓ Grey PE tops with the school logo can be bought from 'Tots to Teams'.
- ✓ Children come into school in PE kit on their specified PE days.

## **JEWELLERY, HAIR ORNAMENTS, MAKE-UP AND NAIL VARNISH**

For safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this are watches (no smart watches) and earring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove these for PE to prevent them causing injury.

Please note that staff are not allowed to remove earrings.

Make-up and nail-varnish should not be worn in school.

Hair bands, ribbons, bows or 'scrunchies' should be as plain as possible without large decorations.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum. Children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed.

## **FOOTWEAR**

For health and safety reasons, children should not wear shoes with platform soles or heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos or markings.

If children are wearing boots or wellies, they may be asked to change into their PE shoes when inside the school building. This is because it may be uncomfortable to sit on the carpet when wearing boots or wellies, especially if they are wet or muddy.

EYFS children may keep a pair of named wellies in school for outdoor learning.

**SUPPLIERS**

Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE tops and book bags with the school logo can be purchased from 'Tots to Teams'.

All other items of uniform (e.g skirts, trousers, plain white polo shirts) can be bought from supermarkets.

Tots to Teams Unit,  
10 Airport Industrial Estate,  
Kingston Park,  
Newcastle

Telephone: 0191 2715454

Please click on this link to view the website: Simonside Primary School ([totstoteams.com](http://totstoteams.com))

We have a small amount of second hand uniform in school so please ask if you need help with this.