

The Richmond School, Skegness

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.

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 plain stud earrings in pierced ears. The children must remove these during PE and swimming, to prevent them from causing injury. With this in mind it will be suggested to parents that to avoid their child missing any part of the curriculum that they choose to have their ears pierced during the 6 week holiday. Only children from Year 2 upwards are allowed to wear watches but we are not able to accept responsibility for breakage or loss.

4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or dyed hair that could serve as a distraction to other children. For PE and school sports, cookery lessons, science investigations and relevant after school clubs all long hair must be 'tied back'. Participation in lessons and activities may be prevented if this does not occur. Plain, discreet headbands without any adornments are allowed.

5 Footwear

- 5.1 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 for reasons of health and safety, we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; 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. We require

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all children to wear shoes, which are both 'sensible', well fitting and practical, as recommended in the uniform list.

During the winter months children are permitted to wear ankle boots but longer ones are not allowed.

6. The role of parents

6.1 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, as detailed in the school brochure and that all items of clothing are 'named'.

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.

If any parent is unable to provide school uniform because of financial constraints, the headteacher should be contacted in confidence.

7 The role of governors

7.1 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.

7.4 Governors should not seek to operate as sole suppliers in order to raise additional funds.

7.5 Governing bodies should ensure that the school uniform is available on the high street as well as from the school shop.

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 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.

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9 Parental Support

9.1 It is anticipated that all our parents will support us in our expectations of all pupils wearing a uniform which is smart, practical and poses no threat to the safety of the children. Should the staff or governors feel that this policy is not being adhered to, parents will be contacted to discuss the matter further.

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