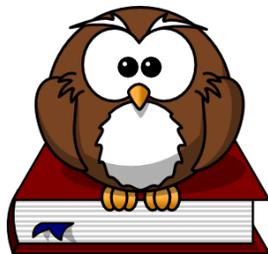


Abbott Community Primary School



Uniform Policy 2017-2018

Rationale

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

Aims

- All children wear the correct uniform to school.
- Children feel proud to belong to the school.
- Parents/carers share the same high expectations of the school.

Guidelines

- It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate black footwear.
- The school prospectus provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn.
- School sweatshirts can be purchased from the school office.
- If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers.
- PE kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing.
- If a child does not have their PE kit in school, a letter is sent home to the parents/carers.
- Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.
- The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform.
- There is a bin for lost property located in Yr5/6 cloakroom. Any items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of.
- If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (e.g. health or religious grounds) then the governors will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer.

Uniform details

Winter:

- Red school sweatshirt (Black in year 6)*
- Red or grey jumper or cardigan – No hoodies
- White Shirt
- White Polo shirt* (Red in year 6)
- Grey or Black trousers – No jeans
- Grey or Black skirt/ pinafore
- Grey/red/black/white socks or tights – No leggings
- Black, flat sensible, safe, shoes – No heels
- If trainers are worn they must be plain black with no bright logos or coloured soles

- If boots are worn – they must be plain black

Summer Option:

- Grey or Black shorts
- Gingham dresses – red

PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt or school polo shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- A tracksuit is also useful for outdoor activities during the winter (any colour is fine for this purpose).

All the items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find it difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

Hair

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour (including fancy hair attire). We really do not want the children being distracted from their learning. Long hair should also be tied back at all times during the school day.

Jewellery

“Jewellery” refers to rings, watches, bracelets, neck chains, pendants, brooches, earrings and large hair ornaments.

General

- The wearing of studs in pierced ears is permitted but these will have to be removed for PE, games and swimming.
- Neck chains, pendants, bracelets and brooches are not permitted, this also includes large hair ornaments and clips.

Watches are permitted, although we have many clocks all around the school so they are really not necessary.

PE and games lessons

The wearing of jewellery in PE and games lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. Similarly contact with jewellery can cause injuries to a third party.

- The school policy is that all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for PE and games lessons. Where removal is not possible, studs in pierced ears must be taped over (provided by the parent/carer).
- In the event of a child not co-operating with either removal of jewellery or taping over of studs in pierced ears for PE and games lessons, then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

Swimming

The wearing of jewellery in swimming lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. The taping over of studs in pierced ears for swimming is not an option due to the risk of the tape coming off in the water and causing a choking hazard to other swimmers.

- The school policy is that all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for swimming lessons.

- In the event of it not being possible to remove the jewellery or studs in pierced ears for swimming lessons or the child refusing to remove it, then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

Parents'/Carers' responsibility

- Parents/carers are advised not to allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time and that the beginning of the 6-week summer break would be the best time in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal.
- In the event of a child coming to school wearing jewellery that is not in the policy, the child will be asked to remove it or, if that is not possible, the parent/carer will be contacted to come to school to remove it.

Staff responsibility

- Staff will not, under any circumstances, be expected to or allowed to examine pupils to see if jewellery or body piercings are being worn.
- Staff will not be expected to or allowed to remove any jewellery or studs in pierced ears being worn by a pupil; this will have to be done by the pupil him/herself or by a parent/carer.
- Staff will not, under any circumstances, take any responsibility for the safekeeping of children's jewellery.

Make Up

- No make up or nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.
- No play tattoos.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- The Head teacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with Mrs Crosbie the Head teacher.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Abbott Community Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

APPENDIX 1 – Standard letter to parents

Date:

Dear Parent/Carer

Child's name: Class:

We noticed that your child did not wear their uniform to school today.

I'm sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school.

As our policy states:

"We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers."

I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that they dress appropriately every school day. Our uniform is as follows:

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Summer:

As above or red/white checked dress or black/grey shorts

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Miss Wilson