

Savile Park Primary School



School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with the DfE guidelines to schools on school uniform (last updated September 2013) 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 strongly recommend that school uniform is worn. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and in 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 This section of our policy (ie on Jewellery) is non negotiable and must be followed by all children in our school. On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small, plain ear studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children may also wear a simple, cheap watch. We require the children to either remove these objects during PE and games (to be sent to the school safe in a named envelope), or cover them with micro-pore, to prevent them from causing injury (they must put on and take off the micro-pore themselves). Small objects of religious significance must be worn inside the uniform.
- Please note: the school will not be able to take any responsibility for jewellery that is lost or damaged within school. Nor will school take any responsibility for injury caused by jewellery should it be worn as it is against our advice.*

4 Hair

- 4.1 Long hair must be tied back for PE, outdoor pursuits and if considered necessary for health and safety reasons (eg some science experiments).

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 we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We also do not allow mule type shoes. Trainers should be dark coloured.

6. Other items of value

6.1 Items of value – eg ipods, gaming consoles – must not be brought to school.

6.2 If a child needs to bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons this needs to be authorised by a parent/carer. The phone must be brought to the office immediately where it will be kept in the safe until the child leaves school at the end of the day.

Please note: the school will not be able to take any responsibility for a mobile phone that is lost or damaged within school.

7 The role of parents

7.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

7.2 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 grant such requests. Children who have medical or special educational needs which need modification of the uniform policy will also be granted permission.

8 The role of governors

8.1 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.

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

8.3 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:

- 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.

Created by: K Lomas

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Signed by governors: _____

Reviewed (state when, by whom and if amendments made/not):

Feb 2013: addition of mobile phones

June 2016: no amendments

June 2017 : Reference to updated advice from DfE (Reviewed by JB)

June 2019: amendment to section 6.2