

# Uniform Policy

## HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Approved by:**

The Governing Body

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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1** A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all members of the school community at all times and the uniform policy for pupils plays a key part in helping us to achieve this. We are proud of our school uniform and encourage children to also feel proud of belonging to Harris Primary School. We positively encourage our children to take responsibility for their personal appearance.

## **2 Aims and objectives**

- 2.1** 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, with 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** In the interest of Health and Safety, jewellery - other than simple stud earrings - is not allowed. Only in exceptional circumstances, with agreement from the headteacher, can other jewellery be worn in School (for example medi-alert and religious artefacts). If a child does come into school wearing jewellery they will be asked to remove it.

The school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage of any jewellery or personal adornments worn.

## **4 Hair**

- 4.1** Long hair should be tied back at all times.
- 4.2** The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

## **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. All pupils are asked to wear a pair of flat black school shoes or plain black trainers all year round.

## **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, and that it is clean and in good repair.

**6.2** 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.

## **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.

## **8 Monitoring and review**

**8.1** The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- 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.

Signed (Headteacher): Mr Groom

Signed (Governing Body): Mrs Martindale

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