

Archibald Primary School Uniform policy

Rationale

We believe that the wearing of uniform encourages children to have a sense of belonging and of being a part of a community. It is an outward expression of the school's identity and promotes a feeling of pride and equality. In addition, we believe that the wearing of a 'uniform', as opposed to leisure wear contributes to helping children understand that they come to school to work and learn.

Aims

- To ensure that children wear clothing to school that is safe and practical
- To promote pride in their school and a sense of identity
- To promote the idea of Archibald Primary School as a Learning Community
- To promote the image of the school within the local area and the town
- To eliminate competition amongst children in relation to what they wear
- To ensure that uniform is simple and reasonably priced

In order to help fulfil these aims extreme hairstyles would be considered unsuitable, eg extreme spikey styles, tramlines, mohican etc. Long hair should be tied back if interfering with learning.

Health and safety

There are several health and safety issues which inform our school policy as follows:

- Jewellery must **not** be worn in school, except a wristwatch. This includes rings, earrings, bracelets and necklaces.
- Pupils who have had their ears pierced may wear small ear studs which prevent the holes closing up again. In these instances the school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to the ear studs, or injury caused to either the wearer or another child or adult resulting from the wearing of the ear studs.
- No other body piercings such as belly button piercing and facial piercing is allowed

To this end, parents of pupils who wear ear studs will be asked to sign a disclaimer which is available from the school office. The disclaimer will be kept on file in the school office.

- Stud earrings should be removed for PE. Children should not wear studs that they are unable to take out themselves. School staff are not permitted to remove earrings. If the ears are recently pierced and/or studs cannot be easily removed the stud and ear-lobe need to be covered with suitable medical tape.
- During PE lessons, school PE uniform should be worn. This is for both safety and hygiene reasons.
- Wristwatches should be removed for PE.
- Long hair must be tied back for PE (Boys and girls)

- No acrylic nails/nail varnish or make up are allowed.
- No temporary tattoos or transfers
- No unsuitable hairstyles
- Due to the number of stairs and the fact that the children need to be safe whilst in the playground shoes should be flat, or low heeled. 'Strappy' or backless sandals, which provide little support, should not be worn.
- School clothing and clothing that is hung in cloakrooms must be clearly marked with the child's name.

Whilst every reasonable precaution is taken to protect pupil's personal property, neither the school, or its employees can accept any liability for loss or damage to that property, however that loss or damage has come about.

- Please do not allow children to bring money into school, except for proper purposes.
- Sweets and chewing gum are also not allowed in school.

School uniform

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform which instils a sense of belonging and pride.

School colours are navy blue and grey.

The uniform consists of:

Navy blue sweatshirt

Navy blue cardigan

Light blue or white polo shirt or shirt

Grey trousers or skirt(no denim jeans)

Black shoes (wherever possible) or footwear

In warm weather alternative clothing may be worn:

Pale blue T shirt/blouse/shirt

Blue summer dresses for girls.

PE kit

All children should have a change of clothing for PE as follows

Navy blue T shirt

Navy blue shorts

Plimsolls or trainers

School shoes should **never** be worn for PE

All items of clothing and shoes should be marked with the child's name.

A range of clothing items bearing the school logo, including sweatshirts, polo shirts, caps, cardigans, PE uniform and reversible fleece coats can be purchased from the school office.

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