School Uniform Policy

Dunton Bassett Primary School

This school uniform policy has been developed and will be implemented with consideration to the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021.

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours (there may be exceptions depending upon the nature of the activity e.g. specialist sporting activities, residential trips, etc). We provide a complete list of the items needed for our school uniform on our website page.

1. **Aims and Objectives**

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Identifies the children with the school;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- enables children to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is practical and smart and not distracting in class;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

2. **Supplier**

Any uniform items incorporating the school's logo can be purchased from our supplier via the school office. We also retain a number of second hand items in stock. Our PTA runs our second-hand uniform shop and the 'shop' is open every Friday after school on the playground. Please enquire at the school office should you need uniform items at any other time.

3. **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE.

4. **Extreme haircuts**

The school discourages haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5. **Footwear**

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We require all children to wear the types of footwear described in the uniform list.

6. **The role of parents**

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

- If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Executive Headteacher.
- If there are reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.
- Should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the school's attention. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7. **The role of governors**
   - The governing body supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
   - It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets the Trust's Single Equality Duty Policy.

8. **Monitoring and review**
   - The day–to-day monitoring of this policy is the responsibility of the Executive Headteacher.
   - This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Appendix A

Our required school uniform comprises:

- Red cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo (or plain red with no logos)
- Plain white shirt or white/red polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers/ plain leggings
- Grey or black skirt
- Grey or black pinafore dress
- Waterproof outdoor coat
- Sensible flat or low-heeled plain black shoes, boots or trainers (no open-toed sandals, high-heeled boots or shoes). Shoes/trainers need to be waterproof.

Variations for summer wear are:

- Grey or black shorts
- Red/white checked dress

PE Kit

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Our PE kit is:

- Plain red or white T-Shirt or school logo top
- Plain black shorts
- Plimsolls for playground games/ hall use.
- Waterproof trainers for outdoor games on the field
- In Winter: Plain grey/black tracksuit or sweatshirt/leggings

Swimming

Children who go swimming need a towel and swimming trunks or one-piece costume (no bikinis), carried in a waterproof bag. All children require a swimming hat.

Optional Items

Any items not listed above can be considered optional.