UNIFORM POLICY

It is our policy that all children at Coates Lane Primary School wear a school uniform when attending or representing school at organised events, unless otherwise stated.

Please make sure that all school uniform is clearly labelled. This makes life easier for the child, the teacher and for the parent!

Our school uniform can be purchased at Skip to School in Skipton and The Uniform Shop (by the roundabout at Asda), Colne.

Our policy for school uniform is based on the idea that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Provides a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical, affordable and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Creates peer equality in terms of appearance

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Trousers: Grey/black trousers or shorts.

Skirts: Grey/black skirt.

Dresses: Pinafore dresses are allowed (grey); blue gingham dresses are also permitted.

Shirts: White school shirts or white polo shirts (with or without the school logo).

Jumpers/cardigans: Blue (with the school logo)/Navy blue for Year 6.

Tights: should be grey and knee length socks should be white or grey.

Shoes: should be black or brown and suitable for school wear. This does not include trainers or fashion boots (such as Uggs).

PE Kit:

For outdoor PE, children may wear black or blue leggings/jogging bottoms and a black/blue jumper/hoodie (no logo's). Also, no football shirts or crop tops please. Trainers are permitted but **no designer or expensive trainers please**.

Standard PE kit: Blue or black shorts and blue, black, grey or white t-shirt. **No** branded t-shirts please (e.g. Montrex, Trailberg etc) - all t-shirts must be plain.

Swimming kit: In Years 4, 5 and 6, the children go swimming once a week for part of the year.

Girl's costumes should be one piece costumes (no bikinis), and they must wear a swimming cap if they have long hair unless it is plaited.

Jewellery In School

AfPE guidance states that:

Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."

Earrings in school

Only one pair of simple stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school.

They must be removed by the child themselves for PE and swimming.

We recommend children come to school without earrings in on swimming and PE days.

If not, they must take them out and replace them themselves.

Staff are not allowed to take out or put in earrings.

Children are responsible for their own earrings if they are taken out at school.

We encourage parents to make use of the summer holidays for ear piercing. This will enable ears to heal before returning to school in September.

If children do have their ears pierced during term time:

For school swimming lessons - Children cannot wear earrings for school swimming. We recommend that children come to school without earrings on a school swimming day. Otherwise, they must be removed and replaced by the child. If earrings cannot be removed, then children will be excluded from school swimming lessons.

The pupil will be placed onto a 6 week care plan where newly pierced ears are to be taped (not plasters) for PE lessons.

The tape needs to be supplied by the parent/carer and named.

EXTREME HAIRCUTS

We do not permit children to have 'extreme haircuts' which could serve as a distraction to other pupils, or have coloured hair. Hairstyles such as patterns shaved into the hair, lines or Mohican style crest are deemed as inappropriate for school. Children with long hair may be asked to tie it up for certain lessons e.g. P.E, DT, Science. Novelty headbands/bobbles/bows are not permitted in school, however children may wear an Alice band which is plain, and blue.

If you are in doubt whether a hairstyle is acceptable, please contact school.

NAIL VARNISH

Children should not be wearing nail varnish to school. Please make sure all nail varnish is removed before they come to school. Nail extensions are also not acceptable to have on in school. We ask all parents/carers to support our school uniform policy, and ensure that all children are sent to school dressed appropriately.

School staff are not responsible if any items removed for lessons go missing in school.

Clothing or Accessories with Political Messages or Implications

Appropriate clothing upholding British Values should be worn at all times and must not be political or divisive.

The role of Parents

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 dressed correctly 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. If there are serious reasons, for example, on religious or cultural grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of Teachers and Support Staff

All staff will set a good example in terms of dress. This should be determined by smart professional dress and can be varied according to the activities being taught. For example, PE and Forest School should be taught in appropriate clothing and footwear.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform meets regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The role of the Head teacher and Deputy Head teacher

The Head teacher, supported on a daily basis by the Deputy Head teacher, will ensure that pupils and staff 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. Whilst the school would always wish to work with parents to ensure all pupils comply with this policy; in accordance with Department for Education guidance, the school can discipline your child for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform if they repeatedly ignore this policy.

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