

Holland Haven Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Reviewed by SLT
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Chair of Governors Mrs J Sharman

This policy has been reviewed; to the best of our knowledge we do not feel it impacts negatively on any specific group or individual within our school community.

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from the local school uniform shop 'Anglia', whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

Jewellery, Watches, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. **Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.**

Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobile phones are not permitted.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red, black or white in colour. Hair bands should be plain and not have large flowers/ears attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns or 'tram lines' cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed. For health and safety reasons and to ensure it does not distract from learning, we advise that long hair be tied back.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers **without** logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black and only ankle length.

Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak in confidence to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item if it is available. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. 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 consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing board 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. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing board 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

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of red and grey/black. Most items can be bought from high street shops. If you wish your child's uniform to have the school logo on, 'Anglia' is the company who provides this service. There is a link on the school's website homepage.

For girls:

- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or red and white checked or striped dresses
- White blouse or white/red polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece, without a hood, either plain or with the Holland Haven logo
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- Black, red or grey tights. Please note that skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length (knee length). Three-quarter, calf length, leggings should **not** be worn.

For boys:

- Grey or black shorts or trousers **not** jogging bottoms
- White shirt or white/red polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or fleece, without a hood, either plain or with the Holland Haven logo

P.E. Kit

Children should come to school in their PE kit on PE days. All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

Girls and boys wear:

- red shorts
- plain white T-shirt or polo shirt
- a pair of plimsolls – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children (trainers can be worn for outdoor Games/ PE)
- red or black jogging bottoms (or tracksuits) for outdoor lessons in cold weather (no logos)

For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. Additionally, long hair must be tied back (boys or girls).

'Anglia' are our school uniform provider and there is a direct link on our school website homepage',

Outdoor Learning

Note: At Holland Haven Primary, much of our curriculum and playtime provision requires an 'outdoor learning kit' of a change of shoes (wellies or trainers - no studded football boots) and a warm coat. These can remain in school in lockers. (Waterproof trousers are optional and the school can provide these).

Appendix A

Letter for non compliance of school uniform

Dear Parent,

We noticed that your childin class..... was not wearing their school uniform/ PE kit in school today. I am sure you will appreciate the many advantages of wearing a school uniform as listed in our School Uniform Policy both for you and your child in school. We would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that your child is dressed appropriately every school day. If there is some problem preventing you from ensuring your child wears the school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to discuss the situation. We would hope to be of help in supporting you and your child in fulfilling our requirements. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher