



Uplands Junior School

## School Uniform Policy January 2022



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**This policy has been reviewed in light of the new School Uniform Bill 2022 and Government guidance**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms)

### **Principles**

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy and in our school prospectus.

### **Aims**

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance (article 2 non-discrimination)
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

**Our colours are bottle green, grey and white and the uniform is as follows:**

### **Boys**

- School bottle green sweatshirt with or without school logo or
- School bottle green jumper with or without school logo
- School white or green polo shirt with or without school logo or
- White or grey shirt
- Grey trousers or grey shorts
- School tie (if wearing a shirt)
- Uplands' fleeces and hoodies are also available but not compulsory

### **Girls**

- School bottle green sweatshirt or jumper with or without school logo or
- School bottle green cardigan with or without school logo
- School white/green polo shirt with school logo or white blouse
- Grey skirt, grey or black trousers or grey pinafore dress
- Green gingham/striped dresses may be worn in the summer term
- School tie (if wearing a shirt)
- Uplands' fleeces and hoodies are also available but not compulsory

### **PE kit expectations**

Your child's PE kit should consist of

- House colour top (Red = Rowling, Blue = Ennis, Green = Attenborough and Yellow=Bolt)
- Only **PLAIN** blue/black shorts/tracksuit/leggings or the Uplands School green tracksuit (No large branding to be visible)
- An Uplands hoodie, fleece or school jumper ( plain or branded). No other brands of hoodie or fleece to be worn please
- Trainers

We ask that your child now wear either an Uplands hoodie, Uplands fleece or their Uplands school Jumper ONLY over the top of their house colour top - no other coloured, plain or branded tops/hoodies. It is important for us to keep a uniform throughout school.

School uniform can be purchased from any high street stores but uniform with the school logo can be purchased from Lads & Lasses, Warstones Road, Penn. The school tie can be purchased from Lads & Lasses. Suitable formal footwear is most appropriate. Trainers should not be worn other than for PE.

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name

The school has a provision of pre-worn uniform that has been donated and then laundered. If you require any assistance with items of uniform please see a member of staff who will be happy to help you.

We will gratefully accept any donations of pre-worn uniform from families

### **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, watches and small objects of religious significance. No jewellery whatsoever is allowed to be worn during PE: ear-rings must be taped over if they are recently pierced and school provides sweatbands for any religious item that can not be removed

### **Extreme Haircuts**

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or colours that could serve as a distraction to other children.

## **Footwear**

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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers (unless for medical reasons known to school and/or PE lessons) this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or leisure: but not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

## **The role of parents/carers**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. 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 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 is a serious reason, 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.

## **The role of the governors**

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.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Monitoring and review**

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

- Seeking the views of parents/carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- Considering, with the headteacher, any request from parents/carers 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.