

# **School Uniform and Presentation Policy**

## **January 2023**



**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>.

### **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, black 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 or black trousers or grey/black shorts
- School tie (if wearing a shirt)
- Uplands' fleeces and hoodies are also available but not compulsory (hoodies are to be worn on PE days only)

## 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 or without school logo or white blouse
- Grey skirt, grey or black trousers/culottes/long shorts 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 (hoodies are to be worn on PE days only)

### PE kit expectations

Your child's PE kit should consist of

- Plain house colour top (Red = Rowling, Blue = Ennis, Green = Attenborough and Yellow=Bolt)
- Only **PLAIN** shorts/tracksuit/leggings in navy blue, black or dark grey (No large branded items please) or the Uplands School green tracksuit
- An Uplands hoodie, fleece or school jumper (with or without school logo). No other brands of hoodie or fleece to be worn please
- Trainers (Velcro or tie)

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**

The following items of jewellery are permissible at Uplands:

- earring studs in pierced ears-no hooped earrings please
- watches may be worn
- religious bangles

All items brought into school are at the child's own risk and school cannot be responsible for any losses or breakages.

No jewellery whatsoever is allowed to be worn during PE: earrings must be taped over if they cannot be removed and school provides sweatbands for any religious item that cannot be removed.

### **Hair, nails and make-up**

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

Nail varnish, acrylic nails and make up are not to be worn.

### **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.

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

- 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.