

# Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School



*'Love and Justice for All'*

*'And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'* Micah 6:8.

*through the teachings of Jesus all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically throughout life, living out love and justice for all.*

## Uniform Policy 2022 - 2023

<b>Staff member responsible</b>	Mrs T. Rainford
<b>Governor/Other responsible</b>	Mrs S. Bayton
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## **Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform 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 school uniform in our school prospectus and on our school website.

## **Aims and objectives**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.
- The school is committed to ensuring that its school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents.

## **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 a watch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

## **Extreme haircuts**

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair should be tied back at all times.

## **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. It is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. Shoes should be sensible and supportive. Children should not wear trainers to school but can change into them for playtimes in order to keep shoes in a good condition. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

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

### **Pupils are responsible for:**

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the Headteacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community.

## **The role of 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, 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;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.
- The school will ensure that parents and pupils are consulted over any changes to school uniform, and that views and advice is sought specifically from pupils, and parents of pupils, who:

- i. Are transgender, including non-binary pupils.
- ii. Have SEND and/or sensory needs.
- iii. Are of a religious or cultural background that has dress requirements.

The school implements a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that pupils are not required to wear specific items based on their gender, and may wear any of the uniform items listed in the 'School uniform' section of this policy regardless of the legal sex recorded on the school's records. Transgender pupils are supported to access the uniform that best reflects their gender expression in line with the LGBTQ+ Policy.

### **Uniform**

All pupils' clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name.

#### **Mainly red with black and grey.**

- trousers grey
- sweatshirts red
- polo shirts/shirts red or white
- cardigans red
- socks/tights. white or grey
- polo shirts/blouses red or white
- skirts, pinafores grey
- summer dresses red and white stripes or checks

**SHOES** black (not trainers) or black or red sandals in summer

#### **P.E. Kit**

- shorts plain black
- t-shirt red with the school logo
- jogging bottoms plain grey or black

**COATS** There is an optional school coat / fleece.

At Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School, we are all COP26 ambassadors (The 2021 United Nations climate change conference) as we work together to look after our planet. Parents and children are encouraged to primarily purchase pre-loved uniforms for a donation at the start of each new school year and on a half termly basis rather than purchase new. With the support of our Guilden Sutton Trustees, we will do 'our bit' to reduce unwanted clothes being transported to landfills.

New items of school uniform can be purchased at [www.yourschooluniformshop.co.uk](http://www.yourschooluniformshop.co.uk) or [www.stitchdesign.co.uk](http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk)