

# Hillesley

## PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our vision, based on our School's Christian values, is to provide a welcoming, nurturing environment for learning at the heart of our community. Together, we provide a solid foundation of growth, appreciating each child with their God-given uniqueness and individual needs, thus empowering them to become responsible and fulfilled members of society

# Uniform Policy

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is our school policy that all children are expected to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

## 2. 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 or not appropriate for playtime.
- 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 for health and safety in mind. This especially the case in PE lessons.

## 3. UNIFORM

- Sky blue blouse/shirt/polo shirt, preferably with school logo.
- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts.
- Navy blue cardigan/jumper/sweatshirt/fleece, preferably with school logo.
- Blue/white checked dress may be worn in summer months.
- Sensible black shoes or boots.
- For PE – black or navy shorts/skort or jogging bottoms, Sky blue T shirt with school logo, trainers
- For swimming – swimming costume, cap and towel.

## 4. AVAILABILITY

School sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE kits, coats, fleeces and hats can be ordered on line. The school office has details of how to order.

The Friends of Hillesley School holds a supply of various items of second hand uniform.

## 5. JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of earring studs in pierced ears. We also allow the wearing of watches. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover earring studs with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

## 6. HAIR

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. We recommend longer hair is tied back for safety reasons.

Hair accessories should be small, discreet and in keeping with the uniform.

## 7. FOOTWEAR

Footwear needs to be sensible shoes/boots for play and black in colour. Colourful, non-sensible, platforms and high heeled or open-toed footwear is not permitted and parents may be called to bring in alternative footwear. The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. Although we would prefer children to wear shoes/boots to school, we understand that on occasion it may be necessary for children to wear trainers to school. If children do wear trainers to school they should still change footwear for games on the field to avoid mud being brought into school.

## 8. THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We ask all parents who send their children to 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.

## 9. VARIATION

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 why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

## 10. COLD WEATHER

We appreciate that during very cold weather, children need additional coats, hats, gloves, etc which can be of any colour/style. Please be mindful that they will be using these in school and should be appropriate for school use.

## 11. EXCEPTIONS

Staff and Governors will be happy to discuss any circumstances that make it difficult for a child to wear uniform (such as unavailability, disability etc) and agree an appropriate adaption to suit the circumstances.

