

# **UNIFORM POLICY**



## **WAKEFIELD METHODIST (VC) J, I & N SCHOOL WITH COMMUNICATION RESOURCE and BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB**

**Agreed: Autumn 2016**

**Review Date: Autumn 2018**

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**“As a Christian School where prayer is an important aspect of our lives we are committed to provide a happy and caring learning environment in which staff and pupils work in partnership with parents to promote the desire to learn”.**

### **Introduction**

School Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and in our drive for an ‘Ethic of Excellence’ sets the tone for the high standards and expectations we have of our children academically and socially. It shows the pride we take in our school and the sense of belonging it creates.

### **Aims and Expectations**

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Identifies the children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be).

### **Girls**

- Pale blue shirt or polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper (with or without school logo on)
- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Plain grey or navy blue tights/white or grey socks
- Summer Option: Blue/white checked dress
- Navy or blue & white hair bands and bobbles.

### **Boys**

- Pale blue shirt or polo shirt.
- Navy blue sweatshirt/jumper (with or without school logo on)
- Grey trousers
- Plain dark socks
- Summer Option: Grey uniform shorts

### **Footwear**

Children should wear sensible black school shoes for outdoors (no platform soles or high heels). For indoors children need a change of footwear (these could include pumps, sensible slippers or another pair of school shoes, again no platform soles or high heels).

## **P.E Kit**

### Indoor P.E

- Coloured house t-shirt (The first one will be provided by school)
- Black or navy shorts
- Black or navy leotard

### Outdoor P.E

- Coloured house t-shirt as provided by school
- Navy or black tracksuit/jogging bottoms and sweatshirt
- Sensible trainers
- Sensible hats can also be worn when necessary (sunny or cold weather)

## **Swimming**

Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and boys should wear trunks or 'short' swimming shorts (not baggy Bermuda type shorts).

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule are plain, simple earring studs in pierced ears and watches. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears to get piercings done at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for P.E when the school year begins. Where this is not possible we ask for them to be covered with a plaster or medical tape to prevent them from causing injury.

## **Hair**

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Hair should be tied up for P.E. Non regulation or extreme hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn. These would include:

- Shaved cut into the hair.
- Hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere.
- Hair dyed, either wholly or partly, in a non-natural hair colour.

## **Make-up**

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish and false nails. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and should be removed before the child comes to school.

## **Role of Headteacher and Governing Body**

### The Headteacher:

- Implements and monitors the policy throughout the school community as part of the day to day maintenance of discipline in the school
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules.

### The Governing Body:

- Supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy
- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise
- Should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

## **Role of Parents/Carers**

Parents will:

- Support the uniform policy
- Ensure children come properly dressed and ready for the school day
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named - this helps lost items to be easily identified and returned.

## **Role of Children**

Children will:

- Wear the school uniform when attending school, representing the school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours
- Wear the school uniform with pride
- Remember to bring kit on the correct day.

## **Inclusion**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals after discussion with the Headteacher and governing body.