Petts Hill Primary School

What we do matters

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Uniform Policy

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Rationale

A uniform can help to improve behaviour, discipline and develop a sense of belonging and identity, as well as promote equality amongst all pupils. Staff as well as children should take pride in their appearance and set a good example for each other.

Petts Hill Primary School believes a smart school uniform is essential in establishing the right ethos and set the right tone in a school. It is our policy that children wear full school uniform when attending school or when participating in school organised events off the school site (unless stated otherwise). We ask pupils to wear the shirts and t-shirts tucked in and to take pride in their personal appearance. A smart and distinctive uniform contributes to the public image of our school and ensures that our pupils are always easily identifiable. By taking a pride in their appearance, pupils are encouraged to take pride in other aspects of school life, including their work and surroundings.

Aims

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Promotes a feeling of belonging
- Is practical and distinctive
- Identifies the pupils with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- Promotes equality amongst all pupils
- Reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents

Education (Guidance about costs of school uniforms) Act 2021

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, jumpers may be purchased that feature the school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/ groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

In 2021, the government published guidance about the cost of uniforms. The act aims to make school uniforms more affordance for families, encouraging schools to keep prices down, particularly for branded items. For this reason, here at Petts Hill Primary, **we only ask for the following one branded item:**



❖ Jade green school sweatshirt/Cardigan with the school logo

All other uniform items can be purchased from the High Street.

Uniform Expectations

High standards of dress are required at all times, reinforcing standards of appearance and behaviour that are needed to meet and maintain the high expectations we have for all our children. Below is an outline of the compulsory uniform expectations for all our children:

AUTUMN & SPRING TERMS

Plain yellow or white polo shirt
Grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, or shorts
Jade green school sweatshirt or cardigan or
White, grey or black socks or grey tights.
Black shoes/ plain black trainers (no colour markings or coloured soles on trainers).
Black, jade green or white hijab (if appropriate)
Suitable coat – no hoodies.

PE kit – yellow t-shirt and black shorts. Black jogging bottoms for colder days.

SUMMER TERM

Yellow check dress or
Grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, or shorts
Jade green school sweatshirt or cardigan or
White, grey or black socks or grey tights.
Black shoes/boots/plain black trainers (no colour markings or coloured soles on trainers). Open toe sandals are not allowed.
Black, jade green or white hijab (if appropriate)
Suitable coat – no hoodies. (if appropriate)

PE kit – yellow t-shirt and black shorts. Black jogging bottoms for colder days.

Consequences of incorrect uniform

Following the relaxations of uniform during the Covid-19 pandemic, the school will now be raising its expectations of the right, smart school uniform.

If children are in the incorrect uniform, the class teacher will speak informally to the parents/ carers in the first instance, and agree how this will be addressed. If this is a persistent issue, a letter will be sent home and a meeting with parents arranged.

Feedback will be given at October and February parents' evenings.

Role of the parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. Parents need to ensure that their child is in the full, correct uniform every day unless there are special circumstances, e.g. non-uniform days.

Role of the school

The role of the school is:

- To set a good example in terms of dress
- To remind children to wear school uniform

- To ensure that children/parents comply with the uniform policy
- To speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform
- The school is able to lend the correct jumper and/or plimsolls if children come to school without their jumper, suitable footwear or PE kit.

Uniform Support

If parents are struggling to purchase the correct uniform, the school is able to offer support. Provision, including second-hand uniform, is available. Please enquire with the office.

Appendix 1

Acceptable footwear.

