**Whittingham C of E Primary School Uniform Policy**

**Summer Term 2016. To be circulated prior to and ratified**

**September 7th 2016.**

We look forward to starting our new school with a new look and a comprehensive Uniform and Kit list specific to each stage of learning at our school. All children are required to wear the school uniform and take pride in being a member of our wonderful school.

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

*Our School Uniform Consists of*

*Early Years/ Key Stage One children – (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2).*

* Reading Folder (book bag) with school logo. (School will provide a Reading Scheme book and children will also have the opportunity to choose a book from our school library). All children who have been given a reading book will be expected to read daily to an adult and this will need to be signed in your child’s Reading Record.)
* Water bottle.
* White polo shirt (with or without school logo).
* School jumper / cardigan with logo.
* Dark grey skirt/ pinafore/ trousers.
* Grey socks / tights.

Summer Uniform (optional)

* Summer checked dress in choice of colours burgundy or yellow with white ankle or knee socks.
* Grey shorts/ culottes (knee length).
* Black school shoes.

*PE kit in drawstring bag comprising of:*

Indoor PE kit -

It would be extremely helpful if all kit could be named.

* Yellow PE T Shirt with logo.
* Burgandy shorts.
* Burgandy football socks with yellow trim.

Trainers – not plimsolls.

Outdoor PE –

* Burgandy hoodie with logo.
* Dark grey jogging bottoms.
* Trainers as above.

Swimming Kit – Initially this will be Year 1 – Year 6 children. Reception will not swim for the first part of the school year (please see individual class topic letters for further details as to when your child swims).

It would be extremely helpful if all kit could be named.

* Towel
* Swimming costume (1 piece) / Swimming trunks.
* Goggles if able to manage them independently.
* Pupils with longer hair to be tied back and a swimming hat in the winter months is very helpful.

Key Stage Two children – (Years 3, 4 5 and eventually Year 6).

School Kit list

* School back pack of own choice (replacing Reading folder but please note we have limited space in our cloakrooms so small to medium sized please.
* Reading Book from home (if your child is no longer reading our school book scheme) or school library. All children will be expected to read daily to an adult and this will need to be signed in your child’s Homework Diary).
* Water bottle.
* Pencil case – comprising of -
* 2 writing pencils (where appropriate school will provide a handwriting pen).
* Selection of colouring pencils (not felt tip pens please).
* Rubber
* Pencil sharpener.
* Ruler.

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* White school shirt (no embellishments or embroidery please).
* School tie (clip on).
* School jumper / cardigan with logo.
* Dark grey skirt/ pinafore/ trousers.
* Dark Grey socks / tights.
* Summer Uniform (optional)
* Summer checked dress in choice of colours burgundy or yellow with white ankle or knee socks.
* White short sleeved shirt
* Dark Grey shorts/ culottes (knee length).
* Black school shoes.

*PE kit in drawstring bag comprising of:*

Indoor PE kit -

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* Burgandy shorts.
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Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion 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;
* is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
* has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and a watch. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or in the case of earrings to cover them with a plaster.

*Hair-*

No extreme hair cut / styles.

No dyed hair.

Hair beyond shoulder length to be tied back at all times please.

No nail varnish.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear sensible black shoes / black school boots ( not trainer style shoes or sandals).

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. Parents should 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 religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented.

It is the governors’ responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on 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

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

* consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
* require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.
* deal with objections adhering strictly to School’s Complaints Procedure as outlined below:
* Step 1 – Approach the class teacher.
* Step 2 – Approach the headteacher.
* Step 3 As the headteacher for the contact details of the Governor with responsibility Liz Chadwick.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Signed:

Date: