



South Walney Infant and Nursery School Uniform Policy

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 information of the items needed for school uniform 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 or alienate children on grounds of family income.;
- 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.

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
- small objects of religious significance

- The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school summer holidays.
- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We require all children to wear black 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 that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

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. 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 by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy

through the parent voice meetings.

- 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.

Uniform

The school uniform is:

- Grey or black trousers (NOT jeans) /skirt or pinafore.
- Blue school sweatshirt/cardigan
- Lemon polo shirt (with/without logo)
- Plain socks and sensible shoes (NOT trainers)
- Summer: blue or lemon/white checked dresses and shorts can be worn.

Items of uniform with the school logo on are available from “Identity” Barrow. There are also other firms who can embroider the logo onto your child’s clothing. We ask that school jumpers/cardigans have the logo on. It is optional to have the logo on other items. We also have a supply of quality used sweatshirts, Polo shirts and PE kits for sale in school; please ask at the office for details