

## UNIFORM POLICY

### *Introduction*

At Tower View Primary School, it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy; is available in the school prospectus and on the school website.

### *Aims and objectives*

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

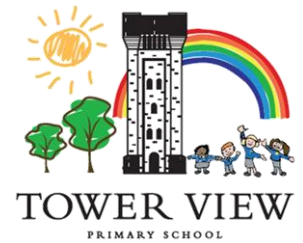
- promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- is practical and smart.
- identifies the children with the school.
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- is regarded as suitable wear for school.
- 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 small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches, once a child is able to tell the time, and small objects of religious significance.

We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games or tape them up.

Pupils should not wear earrings if they are attending swimming lessons.



*Please bear this section of the policy in mind when arranging to have your child's ears pierced.*

## **PE**

On days the children have PE, children must come to school in their PE kits (see appendix 1). PE kits are not to be kept in school. Parents will be informed of PE days – and any changes or additional PE days will be communicated with as much notice as possible.

Swimming – in this instance – is classed as PE so on swimming days children should be in PE kits.

## **Forest School**

On the days the children have forest school, they should come into school in home clothes that are suitable for getting dirty and muddy. We do not recommend anything that is important or new. Children should have their arms and legs covered. Clothes worn must fit into the expectations for non-uniform days. It is suggested that black joggers are worn.

The footwear is recommended to be wellies or sturdy boots.

## **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 the school has a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds or to account for an additional need or disability, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the



school will look sympathetically at such requests. To request an adjustment of the school's uniform policy for a child, parents should make an appointment to discuss this with the Headteacher. Any agreement will be then put into writing with reasons to why the adjustment is being made and what adjustment has been agreed.

There may be times when a child will not be in full uniform for the day for exceptional reasons (e.g their child's shoes have fallen to pieces and they have not yet been able to replace them). If this happens, parents are expected to speak to either the class teacher or the school office (via telephone if necessary) to explain why their child is not in uniform and to advise when they will be back in full uniform.

### ***The role of school staff***

School staff have a responsibility to enforce the uniform code and to remind children when they do not adhere to the policy.

Staff will give children a gentle reminder if they notice that they are not wearing the correct uniform. **This may happen anywhere in school.**

If a child is noted to have been in incorrect uniform for a period of several days without communication or is regularly in the wrong uniform, a letter will be sent home to advise parents.

If the uniform is still not correct, parents will be contacted and asked to come to see the Headteacher about their child's uniform.

**The school will never exclude a child for wearing the wrong uniform, send them home to get changed or teach them in isolation.**

### ***The role of governors***

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.



Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

If the Headteacher has had a request for an adjustment to the uniform policy and has declined that request, parents may request that the governors adjudicate whether the adjustment should be allowed. Any request for the governors to adjudicate should be put in writing addressed to the Chair of Governors. If this does not resolve the issue then it should be dealt with formally through the complaints process starting at Stage 2.



## **Appendix 1**

Our dress code encourages children's pride in their appearance and to increase their feeling of belonging to a caring school. Summer uniform is from Easter to October half term. Children should come to school dressed in accordance with the code below:

### **WINTER**

White shirt/ blouse or white or light blue polo shirt

Charcoal grey/ black trousers/ skirt or pinafore dress

Royal blue school jumper/ cardigan

With skirt/ dress – grey or black tights or white socks

Black shoes or trainers

### **SUMMER** – optional changes

Charcoal grey shorts instead of trousers

blue/ white checked gingham dresses can be worn in place of a skirt/ pinafore dress

Black or brown sandals

### **PE Days**

White t shirt (or plain t shirt in house colour)

Plain black shorts or joggers/ PE leggings/ tracksuit trousers

Trainers or plimsols

A plain royal blue hoodie/ sweatshirt may also be worn – or a school jumper/ cardigan.



*Whilst there is no expectation that any uniform item should be branded, school branded items such as bookbags, jumpers and cardigans are available from [Pupil Schoolwear, Swadlincote](#) (Tel: 01283 224512) or [MyUniform Ltd](#) (Tel: 01283 619224). We also have regular uniform swap shops to either bring uniform to give to be recycled and reused by another family and/ or to pick up uniform needed – free of charge.*

- Long hair should be tied back in a headband or bobble
- No jewellery should be worn other than a watch and stud earrings. There should also be no nail varnish or make-up
- All children need to bring a coat to school when the weather is cold for play times.
- No large bags should be bought into school
- Please make sure that all clothes are labelled.

## ***Appendix 2***

### ***Non-uniform days***

Non-uniform days are days when the uniform code is relaxed and children can wear their own clothes for the day. This does not mean that children can wear anything. The following items are not permitted to be worn on non-uniform days.

- Heelys
- High heels
- Overly cropped tops
- Hotpants
- Any clothing with rude or vulgar language/ symbols on that may cause offence

***This list is not exhaustive and we do expect parents to think about what they allow their children to wear.***