

# Coulsdon C of E Primary School



## School Uniform Policy

The ethos of this school is to enable every child to learn and develop in a Christian environment. We ask all parents of whatever faith applying for a place here to recognise and support this ethos and its importance to the school

Together, growing in mind, body & spirit

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### **1 Introduction**

1.1 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 a complete list of the items stipulated as school uniform (see Appendix A) on our school website.

### **2 Aims and objectives**

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief 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 and good value for money by most parents; is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **3 Jewellery**

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery or make-up including nail varnish in our school. The exceptions to this rule are a single pair of small plain gold or silver earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain, and small analogue watches from Year 2. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. We recommend that ear piercing takes place at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for healing and the safe removal of earrings for P.E. No Smart watches are permitted.

### **4 Extreme haircuts/hairstyles**

4.1 The school reserves the right to make a judgement on where pupils' hairstyles or hair colours are inappropriate for the school environment. These may include hairstyles which are too short or with designs cut into the hair, 'Mohicans', colours, shaved heads etc. The school will ensure that any such judgements do not discriminate against any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics. Each individual pupil's scenario will be taken into account where any judgements on appropriateness are to be made, and parents will always have the freedom to discuss decisions with the head or complain via the school's Complaints Procedures Policy. Coulsdon Church of England Primary School values differences and acknowledges that children's hairstyles will also be influenced by their ethnic heritage and identity. Hair which reaches the shoulders must be tied up (regardless of gender). Any hair accessories (e.g. hair/head bands) should be discrete and simple and either be red or green in accordance with the school colours. Please no bows in hair.

### **5 Footwear and coats**

5.1 We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. All shoes must have a secure fastening, ie laces, straps, Velcro or buckle fastening. Children are not permitted to wear trainers or boots to school. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, ballet pumps, high heels or open toed, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

5.2 We require all children to have a rain jacket or similar in school at all times due to our very changeable weather.

## **6 The role of parents**

6.1 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, named and in good repair.

6.2 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.

## **7 The role of governors**

7.1 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.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

## **8 Contravention of the school uniform policy**

8.1 Should a child attend school wearing items that are not in keeping with the school uniform policy, a note will be sent home to parents to ask them to comply with the policy, or to invite them to discuss the matter with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.

If you are unable to comply with this policy for financial reasons then please discuss this with the School Office or Headteacher. Nearly new school uniform is available for all families.

In the case of earrings or jewellery, the item may be confiscated and retained in the School Office until it is collected by a parent or carer.

## **9 Monitoring and review**

9.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

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

Signed:



**For and on behalf of the Board of Governors**

**Date:** 20.11.23

## **Appendix A**

### **Compulsory School Uniform**

Please note all asterisked items are branded and available from our school uniform supplier, details below. All other items can be purchased from ANY school uniform supplier

#### **Infant**

- Grey trousers/shorts with grey socks
- White polo shirt
- Green or red Coulsdon C of E School jumper\* with school logo
- Black shoes
  
- Green pinafore dress with green/red tights (winter); red or green checked dress with white socks (summer)
- White polo shirt
- Green or red Coulsdon C of E School jumper/cardigan\* with school logo
- Black shoes
- Regulation grey trousers may also be worn in the winter

#### **Junior**

- Grey trousers/shorts with grey socks
- White shirt, school tie\*\*-
- Green or red Coulsdon C of E school jumper\* with school logo
- Black shoes
  
- Green skirt (winter); red or green checked dress (summer)
- White shirt, school tie\*\*, reverse collar blouse (summer: polo shirt - optional)
- Green or red Coulsdon C of E school jumper/cardigan\* with school logo
- White socks/green tights [Y6 only – Black tights (winter only)]
- Black shoes

#### **Outdoor wear:**

- Weather appropriate coat in either red, green, navy, black or brown. Red or green showerproof fleece/anoraks are available from the school uniform shop\*
- Rain jacket/kagool for warmer days
- Plain unbranded cap in the summer

#### **PE Kit**

- School PE Sweatshirt \*
- Red shorts\* and white T-shirts\*
- Grey, black or navy sports tracksuit (for outdoor games)
- Trainers

#### **Bags**

- KS1 - Red book bag with school logo (available in school only)
- KS2 School backpack with school logo\* (Juniors only)
- Y6 children may have an appropriate backpack of their choice

### **Optional School uniform**

- Summer hats\*
- Winter hats\*, scarves & gloves

*\* All items of uniform marked with an asterisk are available to order from our school uniform supplier, **Price and Buckland** via the link on our website (ties\*\* and book bags are available from the school office) Order forms for name tags are available in school or direct from **Easy2Name** via link on the school website. Please remember to select Coulsdon C of E on the website when placing an order.*

***ALL items of uniform MUST be labelled clearly with the child's name.***