

# Minsterley Primary School

## Dress Code Policy

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### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy is based on the notion that a dress code:

- 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 parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### **School Uniform**

We encourage our children to adopt the following uniform. This helps to give the children an identity as a whole school, both at school and when we are involved in events and visits. Sweatshirts and T shirts for PE are available from the secretary at the school office.

Please ensure that each item of your child's clothing is clearly marked with his/her name.

#### **Girls**

School sweatshirt or red cardigan

Grey or black skirt or trousers

White blouse or red or white T-shirt/polo shirt

Grey or white or black plain socks

Red & white check dress (optional for summer)

#### **Boys**

School sweatshirt or plain red sweatshirt

Grey/black trousers

White or grey shirt or red or white T-shirt or polo shirt

Grey or white or black plain socks

#### **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. Children must wear appropriate school shoes during the day. Trainers and pumps should be only worn in PE lessons.

## **P.E.**

Children need a pair of shorts, a school T-shirt and a pair of pumps or trainers.

Children will not be able to participate in a P.E. lesson if they do not wear their P.E. kit.

Jewellery must not be worn during PE, swimming or dance lessons for reasons of safety. We ask the children either to remove jewellery during PE, swimming and dance lessons or to cover them with a plaster.

## **Jewellery**

The only permitted jewellery is one small stud in pierced ears, a wrist watch and a medical alert bracelet or necklace. From time to time children may wish to wear a single charity wrist band. Ear studs must be removed or covered with tape during PE.

School staff are not responsible for the safe keeping of jewellery and cannot be held responsible if items go missing.

## **Makeup/Nails**

Children must not wear make-up or have nails painted.

## **Hair Colour/Styles**

Whilst hair styles are a matter for personal taste, certain styles of a more extreme nature can become a distraction to the pupil involved and other children in the school. The following are not acceptable; very closely cropped/shaved hair, dyed hair, gelled hair which is spiked and styles where words or logos are shaved in.

(The headteacher and governing body reserve the right to make a final decision if necessary). If you are unsure about whether or not a hair style is appropriate for school, please ask the headteacher before having it done.

## **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the dress code policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

If any parent would like the school to modify the dress code policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. 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 dress code the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of dress prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Parents will be contacted by the school if their child does not adhere to this policy. If parents have difficulty meeting these standards they are requested to discuss these with the headteacher.