



School Uniform Policy

At Crossley Hall Primary School we are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our pupils so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all school activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at, Crossley Hall Primary School. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect or bullying.

As an organisation, we recognise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils, which includes all aspects of health promotion and prevention.

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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 needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our website.

2. Aims and objectives

- **2.1** 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 and good value for money by most parents;
 - is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Jewelry

- **3.1** On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewelry in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

4. Extreme haircuts

- **4.1** The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5. Footwear

- **5.1** 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.

Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

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 school work. 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.
- **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 Trustees

- **7.1** The Trust Board 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 Trustees responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- **7.3** Trustees ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

8. Monitoring and review

- **8.1** The Trust Board 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 Trustees on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Signed: Eleanor Monnery, Headteacher

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