

Fellgate Primary School

Together Everyone Achieves More



Uniform Policy

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Our Vision

At Fellgate Primary School through an ethos of respect, challenge and resilience, we aspire to create an inclusive, safe, vibrant, happy school where each member of the school community - children, Parents/Carers, carers, staff and governors - feels valued and are encouraged to be the best they can be.

We celebrate individuality, striving for everyone to reach their full potential and “shine” in everything they do.

Our Values

We **respect** ourselves and others, encouraging everyone to be the best they can be.

We thrive on **challenge** so that we can all reach our full potential.

Resilience- We never give up and understand that it is ok to make a mistake.

Inclusion- Every member of our school community has a voice, are listened to, appreciated and supported.

Unique – we all have different strengths and abilities and are special in our own way.

Our Aims

To create caring, confident and curious children who are successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

To motivate and challenge our children to achieve academic and personal success.

To appreciate the uniqueness of each child and recognise their potential.

Chair of Governors: Mrs J Price
(Print Name)

Signed: *J Price*

Head Teacher: Mrs J Tones
(Print Name)

Signed: *J Tones*

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. School uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents/carers are READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE, in line with our whole-school ethos.

Some items of uniform can be bought at www.totstoteams.com or JK Work Wear and School Wear in Jarrow. Other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy.

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.”

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils’ uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, Nail Varnish and Headscarves

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery (with the exception of small stud earrings). The exception to this is small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child’s class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are taking place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or ‘scrunchies’ should be plain. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours’ function, for example a school disco.

Pupils are free to wear a headscarf at Fellgate Primary School if they wish to. These must however be plain. Headscarves which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear footwear with platform soles, heels or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. Flip-flops are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff or the Family Support Worker to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are religious reasons, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head Teacher.

The Role of Staff

Staff should support the Senior Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. **Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries.** Where pupils are wearing the correct

uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

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;
- considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

Special Circumstances / SEND

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher and/or Deputy Head Teacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

We aim to ensure equal opportunities for all pupils with SEND. We realise that some of our pupils have sensory issues which prevent them from wearing certain articles of clothing. We endeavour to provide a uniform list that recognises this and allows for pupils to wear clothing that supports their sensory needs.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Help providing Uniform

At Fellgate Primary we have non-discriminatory approach to uniform. We understand the cost of school uniform can be a financial burden on families; therefore, we have a stock of very good quality second-hand uniform which is free to all parents. We also access grants through the Local Community Association to buy brand new uniform for parents who qualify for Free School Meals. Parents who need support with buying uniform should contact our Family Support Worker.

Inclusion & Equal Opportunities Statement

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is Royal Blue, Grey, and White. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below can be bought with the school logo on if preferred. Uniform with logos on can be purchased from www.totstoteams.com or JK Work Wear and School Wear in Jarrow

Our school uniform is gender neutral and consists of the following:

All Children
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey or black skirt/ shorts / trousers / leggings and jogging bottoms• Blue and White checked dresses• Royal Blue sweatshirt* Hoodie* or cardigan*- either plain or school logo• White Polo Shirt*/ plain or with school logo• Suitable Coat• Plain Head scarf• Sensible Black Shoes <p><u>PE Kit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White plain round neck t-shirt• Black shorts or plain black jogging pants• Plimsoles or trainers

