



The Stalyhill Schools' Federation

School Uniform Policy

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School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Rationale

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the schools, and it enhances security, assisting the schools to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily.

Wearing the correct school uniform contributes to the health, safety and wellbeing of all our children.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

At Stalyhill Infant and Junior Schools we believe that a school uniform is important because it:

- ♦ looks smart
- ♦ wears well
- ♦ contributes to a sense of belonging
- ♦ gives a common purpose
- ♦ fosters a feeling of pride
- ♦ reduces 'fashion competition' between children
- ♦ ensures that we all follow the same rules and links with our adherence to the British Values Curriculum

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child is provided with the correct school uniform.

All children should wear the school uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The uniform was chosen after extensive consultation. It is readily available and inexpensive.

Uniform is clearly linked to our Behaviour and Discipline Policy (Ref: 4) and Class Rewards are given where whole classes adhere to the policy.

Our School Uniform (required)

- School sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- Grey trousers (straight fit) / grey knee length shorts / skirt / pinafore dress
- Blue & white or yellow & white checked summer dress
- Plain gold or white shirt / polo shirt (must have a collar)
- Socks should be black / grey / white
- Tights should be black / blue / grey / white
- School shoes must be black, low heeled and suitable for active play at school
- Boots may be worn to school in the winter but children should have a pair of school shoes to change into once inside school.

NB: trainers / trainer style shoes and boots are not permitted and open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the summer term.

With the exception of the school jumpers/cardigans, all items are widely available from high street shops and supermarkets.

The school jumpers/cardigans are stocked by several local retailers including:

Kids stop
49, Market Street
Hyde
368 4500

Debonair
82, Old Street
Ashton under Lyne
343 2900

There are always stocks of unclaimed, un-named Stalyhill jumpers and cardigans in school. At the end of term these are put out on tables in the playground for parents to claim (Infant School). Unclaimed items are then passed on to our uniform 'swap shop' where they are washed ready for other parents to make use of. If you would like any items of 'good as new' uniform, or have items to donate, please follow the link below;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1205225683649603/?ref=share>

All children need to be provided with a suitable bag for storing letters, books and homework. It is preferable for organisational purposes that school book bags are used.

NB: other bags, such as rucksacks etc. do not always fit on children's pegs, are too large and then become trip hazards in cloakroom.

Outdoor Clothing:

- We acknowledge that the weather can be very changeable but would suggest that children bring a coat or jacket to school every day.
- Appropriate sunhats should be provided during warm weather.
- Gloves, scarves and hats should be provided during cold weather

P.E. / Games Kit:

- Plain white, yellow or blue t-shirt (not football shirt)
- Dark blue or black shorts
- Pumps or trainers
- For outdoor PE, blue or black jogging bottoms are encouraged with a blue or black jumper or fleece
- For swimming children will need a towel, swimming cap, swimming trunks (not long shorts) or costume (no bikinis) carried in a waterproof bag

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Long hair must be tied back. If ears have been pierced studs should be removed for P.E. If your child cannot remove and replace their studs, we ask that they be sent to school WITHOUT them on PE days, or we may not allow them to participate.

All PE kit should be kept in a named bag and be in school at all times.
Any child who does not have an appropriate PE kit on PE days may be unable to join the lesson.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL ITEMS OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, PE KIT ETC, MUST BE NAMED.

Fashion Items / Jewellery / Other

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. If ears have been pierced, small plain stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E.

Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and accessories such as make-up, nail polish, and jewellery (other than stud earrings) should not be worn.

Long hair should be tied back neatly with a black / white / blue hair band especially during PE. Headbands should be discreet, in school colours, and without decoration such as bows or flowers. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, which are designed to attract attention, including dyed or streaked hair, and styles such as spikes, Mohicans and images or lines cut into the hair.

Cultural Awareness

Whilst pupils must adhere to the uniform policy, we are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions. Therefore, where specific items of clothing must be worn, such as the hijab, parents are asked to choose school uniform colours.

Medical Exemptions

We are aware that, for some pupils, compliance with the policy for medical reasons may be difficult. Parents should discuss this with the class teacher and agree a suitable arrangement.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

1. In the first instance advice will be given verbally, with regards to any breach of the School Uniform Policy. It is expected that parents and carers will work with school to rectify the situation.
2. Should further non-compliance with the policy occur, a formal letter will be sent out to parents inviting them to discuss the situation with a senior member of staff.
3. Pupils in breach of the School Uniform Policy may be offered, where available, uniform from the school's clean, spare, supply to wear until the end of the day.
4. The Headteacher may discipline a pupil in line with the school Behaviour and Discipline Policy (Ref: 4) for breach of the School Uniform Policy.
5. The Headteacher, or another member of staff with delegated authority, may phone a parent / carer of a pupil to take them home to remedy a breach of the school's rules on uniform or appearance.
6. Exclusion may be considered in extreme cases where breaches of the School Uniform Policy are 'persistent and defiant'.

This policy cannot deal with every possible new fashion and variation of dress and hairstyle. The Headteacher reserves the right to take exception to hair styles, dress and accessories which deliberately breach the general school uniform and appearance policy.