

# Highwood Primary School



*"Preparing today's children  
for tomorrow's world"*

# Uniform Policy

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## Aims

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos.

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that;

- a school uniform 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 most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## Highwood Primary School Uniform

Our uniform has the school logo which gives the school and pupils an identity. All children must wear the correct uniform every school day. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

The children should wear:

- Single colour royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo;
- White or royal blue polo shirt with school logo;
- Single colour grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt, culottes or pinafore dress;
- Single colour grey, black or white socks/tights;
- Plain black school shoes (not trainers). Smart, black, plain, flat ankle boots are also acceptable;
- In the summer the children may wear plain black or grey tailored shorts (not PE shorts) or a simple 'school style' blue gingham dress (see appendix for examples);
- During hot weather all children should wear a hat when they are outside. (These are provided by the school for children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2).

Optional:

- Plain royal blue/white/black/grey hijab;
- Royal blue fleece with school logo;
- Royal blue reversible jacket with school logo.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school for safety reasons unless of a religious nature, and for which permission must be sought, prior to the wearing. For those who have pierced ears small, plain gold or silver studs may be worn, but these must be removed or covered for PE lessons. Watches may be worn but they must also be removed during PE lessons.

Hair bands, ribbons, bows, grips, clips or 'scrunchies' should be plain blue, black, grey, white or blue gingham. Hair bands should be plain and without any adornments. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school; this includes tinted lip balm. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. Hair should not be cut shorter than a Grade 3. Children should not come to school with transfers or temporary tattoos.

Jeans, tracksuit bottoms or jogging pants are not acceptable.

Nursery children are encouraged to wear uniform, however they are only expected to wear a school sweatshirt/cardigan and polo shirt.

All children should have a school book bag or backpack (see Mapac website for this), ideally in our school colour with our school logo.

Please ensure that your child is sent to school with the appropriate outdoor clothing.

**Please note:** some of these rules will be suspended during 'mufti-days' and school events such as discos when the only clothes which are unacceptable are football strips.

### **PE Kit**

In addition to the uniform outlined above the children require PE kit which should be in school at all times.

To ensure that your child is able to participate in all PE lessons, please provide them with the full and correct Highwood PE kit, i.e. suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE.

For all children, our PE kit is as follows:

- Plain t-shirt or polo shirt in child's house colour / plain white t-shirt;
- Plain black shorts;
- Plain black tracksuit trousers (either shorts or trousers are worn dependant on the activity and/or the weather);
- Plain black tracksuit top (for cold weather, children should not be wearing their 'normal' school jumpers);
- Sports trainers (for outdoor PE for all children No plimsolls or 'fashion' trainers).

All items of PE kit should be clearly named with your child's first and surname.

Children with long hair must have it tied back.

No jewellery must be worn during PE including watches.

If stud earrings must be worn (if, for example, ears have been newly pierced, or earrings cannot be taken out), children must 'tape up' their ears with medical tape. Children to whom this applies, should bring their own surgical tape into school, to keep with their PE kit.

Any watches removed remain the child's responsibility and must be put either in their bag or their drawer.

Forgotten Kit – if on occasion a child forgets their PE kit, they may borrow one from school.

If a child fails to bring their PE kit or the correct PE kit to school a letter will be sent home from their class teacher. If this happens on 3 separate occasions during one term, they will miss 5 minutes of their Golden Time and a letter outlining this will be sent home to inform parents.

If a child has been authorised to wear jewellery for religious reasons and this jewellery cannot be removed during PE lessons the class teacher will make a judgement call as to the safety of the child participating in the physical activity whilst wearing the jewellery and the child may be asked to sit out of the lesson if the jewellery is deemed to put them or other children at risk of injury.