

## 1. Aims

At Priory CE Primary School, we acknowledge the importance of children feeling a sense of belonging and community. Pupils want a uniform which is smart and which promotes good behaviour for learning. We believe a uniform allows all children, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for activities to be facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing such as sports activities.

## 2. Early Years Uniform

- A navy blue V neck jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- A white or navy blue polo shirt (school logo polo shirts are available)
- Grey or navy blue trousers or tailored shorts
- A grey or navy blue skirt or pinafore dress
- In the summer, blue summer dresses can be worn

## 3. Year 1 to Year 6 Uniform

- A navy blue V neck jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Grey or navy blue trousers, tailored shorts, knee length skirt or pinafore dress
- A white buttoned shirt with short or long sleeves
- A school tie (traditional or clip on are available in two lengths)
- Tights and socks worn with shorts, skirts or pinafores must be in-line with the school colours

*NB: If it is particularly warm in class children will be given permission to remove their ties. If a heatwave is forecast, the school may take the decision that ties do no need to be worn for that period. Parents will be informed via email, text, Dojo, Facebook etc.*

## 4. Footwear

- Children must wear navy blue, black or grey school shoes.
- Children are not permitted to wear boots. If they need to wear wellington boots or warm boots to travel to school in comfort, please ensure they have their normal school shoes with them to change into.
- Heeled shoes and shoes with little grip should not be worn as the children need to be safe when they run at playtime.
- Shoes must be in reasonable condition and safe e.g. no loose soles that can be a trip hazard.
- Sandals are not recommended as these leave toes unprotected and can be a trip hazard.
- Trainers are only permitted during playtime and school shoes must be worn at other times.

## 5. Hair, Haircuts & Hairstyles

- Haircuts must be smart and appropriate for school.
- Children should not have a shaved head or patterns cut into their hair.
- Long hair should be tied up to ensure safety and to prevent head lice issues.
- Children may wear bobbles and headbands which are subtle and support the uniform e.g. navy blue. Thick bands, multi-coloured bands, large flowers and large bows etc. are not permitted.
- Your child's hair should be checked regularly for lice and any lice found must be treated.

## 6. Jewellery

- Children are allowed to wear simple stud earrings but must not wear sleepers etc.
- Children are allowed to wear a watch but not a smart watch with capacity to make calls or record.
- Children are not permitted to wear other jewellery e.g. bracelets and necklaces, due to health and safety risks.
- Children should not wear wrist sweatbands or plastic charity bands unless for a short period when they are sold in school e.g. Comic Relief.

## 7. Make-up

- Make-up is not permitted unless agreed with Headteacher due to special circumstances.

## 8. P.E., Sport and Swimming

### P.E. Lessons

Children have P.E. lessons at least once a week. Parents will be advised of the days via the class newsletter. Children must have their P.E. kit in school. Participation in P.E. is a legal and vital requirement. Children in Key Stage 1 will receive a negative Dojo if they do not have a kit and Key Stage 2 will receive a consequence.

- Nursery keep their uniform and change into pumps only
- Reception a white T Shirt
- Year 1 to Year 6 Team colour T Shirt (Sold by school)
- Navy blue or black shorts
- Black pumps
- All items to be labelled and kept in a labelled bag
- Earrings must be removed before school or by the child at the start of the lesson. If they cannot be removed, then the child should bring plasters to cover the earrings.
- Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons

### Swimming

Children have swimming lessons from Year 2 to Year 6. Parents will be advised when via the class newsletter. Children must bring this kit in the morning. Participation in swimming is a legal and vital requirement.

- Boys must wear swimming shorts/trunks and not Bermuda shorts.
- Girls must wear an appropriate one piece costume.
- All children must wear a swimming cap.
- Goggles may be worn with written consent form parents/carers.
- Earrings must be removed or covered.

## 9. Labelling

All clothing must be labelled to try to prevent items going missing. This includes jumpers, cardigans, shirts, skirts, trousers, coats, P.E. kits, reading folders, P.E. bags. Children often have the same shoes so it is important to label both of each pair.

## 10. Equality

We welcome all pupils regardless of needs, faith or belief. Exemptions and alterations to the uniform may apply to pupils with disabilities or religious requirements. Other needs of pupils will also be taken into account. Parents who wish to agree an exemption or alteration first need to speak to the Headteacher or another Senior Leader.

The school will always weigh the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community. Parents' concerns and requests will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by Senior Leaders and any adjustments must be approved by the Headteacher.

### **11. Ordering Uniforms**

'Smart School Uniform' supplies our branded uniform. It is located at Harvey House, Hassell St, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle, ST5 1AR. Uniform can be ordered online and delivered or collected.

They stock jumpers, cardigans, ties and polo shirts Early Years. They also sell storm-proof and showerproof coats, caps and a variety of bags. We keep a small stock of ties in school that you can purchase if one is lost or damaged.

If you need any support with the purchase of uniform please contact the school. We have second hand uniform available that we can supply to parents/carers free of charge. We also have access to a charity that can provide support with the purchase of uniform in exceptional circumstances.

### **12. Links to Other Policies**

- P.E. and Sport
- Health and Safety

### **13. Monitoring and Review**

The whole school community is responsible for the implementation of this policy. Parents are expected to ensure that their children adhere to this policy. All staff are expected to ensure this policy is implemented and to have high expectations of pupils. The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body are responsible for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of this policy. It will be reviewed every two years or earlier if necessary.

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