

RIVER VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

PUPIL UNIFORM POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

At River View, we believe that school uniform is very important. It teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. It also gives students a sense of belonging. Research shows that students who dress smartly tend to achieve better academically and have improved self-esteem.

Please could you help your child to make sure they have their uniform organised in the evening so they are not searching for their shoes or ties in the morning. (This is a common excuse!)

AIMS

This policy aims to: Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.

Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

OUR SCHOOL'S LEGAL DUTIES UNDER THE EQUALITY ACT 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment. To avoid discrimination, our school will:

Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back) Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with MR D Gauld, Headteacher, or Mrs C Batty, Deputy Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

LIMITING THE COST OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

In this section we have taken into account factors such as: The socio-economic status of our school community Pupil demographics Uniform of neighbouring schools or partnership Views of your school community Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price. We will make sure our uniform: Is available at a reasonable cost Provides the best value for money for parents/carers We will do this by: Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.

Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible.

Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties.

Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes.

Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller.

Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities.

Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for inter school competitions, such as creating posters or labels Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items

Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes

Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Here is a reminder of our school uniform which you can also find on the website:

- Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore/green and white gingham dress
- Bottle green jumpers/cardigans (available from Mal's school wear on the market or Tesco embroidery service)
- White shirt (no polo shirts)
- Bottle green and silver striped tie (available from reception-elastic ties £3, other ties £4)

Black shoes (**no trainers allowed in any colour including black**)

Year 6 wear a different tie to show that they have reached the top of the school and to set an example to the younger children in our school.

Some children choose to wear shorts or leggings under their skirt or dress for modesty. These should be plain black or white, if worn under a summer dress.

Our swimming kit expectation is which is brought in to school in a separate kit bag: Swimming costume (one-piece) or swimming trunks (no long shorts) Towel Swimming hat No jewellery can be worn – earrings must be removed on the morning of the swimming lesson.

Jumpers and cardigans have the school logo embroidered on and will be available along with school ties, from Mals School Wear at Salford City Shopping Centre, 77 Pendleton Way, Salford, M6 5FW . Tel - 07946 128554.

[My Clothing](#) also provides embroidery service for River View.

[Jewellery](#)

No jewellery, other than a watch or stud earrings, are permitted. Children should cover stud earrings with plasters, or school tape will be used, for PE sessions. Children **MUST** remove earrings for swimming in line with the swimming baths' regulations.

[P.E. Kits](#)

Indoors	Outdoors
White plain t-shirt	Black plain fleece
Black plain shorts	Black plain joggers
Black pumps	Trainers

Please support younger children to become independent dressers as this helps their development.

EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit (on the correct day), and that every item is:

Clean Clearly labelled with the child's name In good condition.

Parents are also expected to contact Mr Gauld or Mrs Batty if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

Their child's protected characteristics

The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

Resolved locally Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

STAFF

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform.

They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve. Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by Mr Gauld or Mrs Batty in line with the school behaviour policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

GOVERNORS

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

Is appropriate for our school's context

Is implemented fairly across the school

Takes into account the views of parents and pupils

Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.