

# THE WHITE ROSE FEDERATION

# **UNIFORM POLICY**

# OUR VISION

One family branching out together

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#### **UNIFORM POLICY**

The governing body has a statutory duty placed upon it to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body. We believe that a smart school uniform worn by all children will promote a sense of purpose and discipline which is the foundation for both personal and academic development. Moreover, it contributes to a sense of community and belonging, central to our ethos, as all our children identify with each other and their school.

The policy was updated in Summer 2022 to take account of DfE guidance about the affordability of uniform, published in this online article - <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms</u>

#### <u>Aims</u>

The wearing of a uniform will create a sense of identity and pride in the school. The children will learn to take pride in their personal appearance. By insisting on correct uniform, the parents will be assured that their children are wearing clothes that are appropriate and safe for school life.

#### **Guidelines**

We expect the support of all parents/carers for our policy and this expectation is included in the Home School Agreement.

It is school policy to include all our children in every activity. Provision will be made for children who, for medical or religious reasons, find the uniform inappropriate, providing they do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community. Parents must discuss the issue with the Head of School.

Every effort will be made to help all our children keep to the uniform; pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

If a child arrives at school without the proper school uniform, the following procedure will be put in place:

- 1. The uniform policy will be explained to the child in an age-appropriate way and they will be asked to remove, if appropriate, any part that does not conform this might include fleece jackets inside, non-uniform hoodies, oversized hair accessories or jewelry. The teacher will speak to the parent at the end of the day and present a copy of the Uniform Policy.
- 2. If the uniform item cannot be removed in school, the pupil will be reminded of the policy and be advised that they must not wear the item in school. This teacher will speak to the parent at the end of the day and present a copy of the Uniform Policy.
- 3. If new uniform or footwear is needed to be able to conform to the policy, the teacher will advise the family has seven days to purchase the suitable items.
- 4. If, after seven days, the correct uniform is not worn, the Head of School will contact the family directly. At this stage, the Head of School has the discretion to ask the parent to bring in the correct uniform or send the pupil home to change.

#### Purchasing Uniform

Buying school uniform for growing children can be expensive for families. Within this policy, there is the option to purchase 'plain' generic items of uniform which don't come with the school badge embroidery. These can be purchased from any supplier, including local supermarkets and second-hand retailers. The purchase of embroidered garments is entirely at parents' discretion.

# Named uniform

All items must be clearly named so that lost property can be quickly returned. Children will be asked to write their name in any unnamed items.

# <u>Makeup</u>

No makeup or nail varnish is allowed in school. If a child arrives at school with makeup or nail varnish, they will be asked to remove it at the earliest convenience.

### Jewellery & Body Art

No jewellery, except a watch and small earring <u>studs</u>, are allowed in school. It is a health and safety hazard on the playground and in PE lessons and can cause distress to the child if such jewelry is mislaid. If jewellery, other than a watch and earring studs are worn, the pupil will be asked to remove it and hand it to the teacher. It will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day. This includes charitable wristbands, unless consent has been given by the school. Body art, in the form of temporary tattoos and transfers, are also unsuitable for school.

#### <u>Outerwear</u>

Within the uniform catalogue from our suppliers, a school fleece jacket and a waterproof jacket are on sale. Both of these items are only to be worn for outdoor play and are not to be worn in place of a school jumper or cardigan. These are entirely optional items for families in place of, or as well as, a coat.

'Hoodies' (hooded tops) present a hazard in the playground and are not appropriate in school. The only exceptions to this are:

- School Ambassador Hoodies, awarded on loan to pupils selected to represent the ethos and values of the school as 'ambassadors',
- a Year 6 Leavers' hoodie, ordered from school, which can be worn by Year 6 children in their final year of school.

#### Electronic devices

Mobile telephones, i-pods, communication watches or similar devices are not allowed in school. They are not covered on the school insurance and therefore, any family sending them in an overnight bag for a stay at a second home, do so at their own risk. The teacher should be made aware so that any device can be signed in at the office until the end of the day when it will be returned to the child.

#### <u>Hair</u>

Extreme haircuts, coloured hair, hair extensions and oversized hair fashion accessories are not appropriate for school. They may cause a hazard in the playground and a distraction in class. Pupils with long hair must have it tied or free from their faces during school.

#### Spare Clothes

It is recommended that all children in Class 1 have a spare full set of clothes in their PE bag in case of accidents. This eliminates parents having to drop fresh clothes at school in the event of a toileting accident or water play.

#### **Recycled Uniform**

Our Pastoral Support Lead coordinates our Recycled Uniform Scheme and unwanted items are collected and stored by the school. Once a term, there is an opportunity for parents to purchase this uniform at a nominal donation at either the Pastoral Support Coffee Mornings or after school from a table-top sale. All proceeds go back to school to purchase emergency-use uniform held in school. The Pastoral Support team are alert and sensitive to conversations with families who may be in need of more uniform and recycled uniform may be offered to families wherever needed. A PE kit for each child should be available in school at all times. It is sent home at half-term to be washed and should be returned on the first day back to school. All items should be named and the kit should be held in a named PE kitbag (available from our uniform supplier). Should your child not have a PE kit in school, contact will be made with parents to bring it in before the lesson that day.

# Non-Uniform Days

At times through the school year, we hold non-uniform days, which are communicated to parents on the school website and via the newsletter. On these days, the Uniform Policy is relaxed and pupils can come dressed in their own clothes. In the interests of health & safety, the policy does not change for wearing hoodies, heeled shoes or boots, hair extensions/oversized accessories or jewellery, make up and nail varnish or body art.

# School Visits/Sporting Events

When the children are on a school visit or attending a sporting event, it may be appropriate to change the uniform requirements for that day. If this is the case, this will be communicated to parents on the school newsletter.

# **Suppliers**

	Barlow	Burton Salmon	Chapel Haddlesey
Online	www.myclothing.com, search for each school on the home page		
Local	Classroom Clothing, Selby, 01757 700577 <u>www.classroomclothing.co.uk</u>		

# **Uniform Requirements**

	Barlow	Burton Salmon	Chapel Haddlesey	
School Specific colour	Royal blue, bottle green or white, plain or embroidered, polo shirt *1	Navy blue or white, plain or embroidered, polo shirt *1	Navy blue or white, plain or embroidered, polo shirt *1	
	Royal blue or bottle green, plain or embroidered <sup>*2</sup> crew-neck or V-neck jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan	Navy blue plain or embroidered <sup>*2</sup> crew-neck or V-neck jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan	Navy blue plain or embroidered* <sup>2</sup> crew-neck or V-neck jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan	
	White short or long-sleeved school shirt or blouse.			
	Grey or black school trousers (not jean-style), shorts, knee-length skirt or pinafore. * <sup>3</sup>			
Across all schools	In warmer weather, a light or dark blue gingham check dress (or a bottle green gingham dress at Barlow), shorts, skirt or a tank top style jumper.			
	Grey, black or white socks, grey or black tights.			

	Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers, sensible school-style sandals in summer, with no heel. We do not have school pumps. Black school boots are acceptable in winter; parents may wish to send indoor shoes if the child would find it uncomfortable to sit on the floor in these, if bulky or wet.
	A pair of wellingtons, named and with a peg, for access on the field in wet weather.
For PE lessons (indoor and outdoor)	<ul> <li>A plain or embroidered white or school colour (navy at Burton Salmon and Chapel Haddlesey, royal blue or bottle green at Barlow) short-sleeved, round neck t-shirt</li> <li>Plain black or navy shorts of any style</li> <li>A plain navy, grey or black tracksuit/sweatshirt top (not a' hoodie' top) and bottoms OR a plain navy, grey or black crew neck sweatshirt (available from Classroom Clothing)</li> <li>Trainers</li> <li>All items to be kept in a named PE kitbag</li> </ul>
School Bag	A named school book bag is needed for each child in years Nursery to Year 4 to share information between home and school and these are available from our uniform supplier. As we do not have the cloakroom space for all our pupils to have rucksacks, only years 5 & 6 have permission to bring in their own choice of small, neat rucksack.

\*1 - For pupils in Nursery and Reception, a white polo shirt or shirt is not recommended due to the nature of the messy activities in school. It is suggested that pupils in this year group only wear the coloured polo shirts, navy blue at Burton Salmon and Chapel Haddlesey and royal blue or bottle green at Barlow.

\*2 – Where reference is made to 'embroidered', it refers to an item of uniform that has been embroidered with the school logo badge. The school logo badge is the property of the school and should not be copied, without express permission of the school.

\*3 – Elasticated waist trousers, skirts and shorts are easier for our younger children than a pinafore when getting changed for PE or if wet.