Cornerstone Schools (Barton. East Cowton and Ravensworth CE Primary Schools)

Uniform Policy

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Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and sensible
- identifies the children within the school
- is not distracting in the learning environment (as fashion clothing and accessories can be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

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 age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, 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 a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs

- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Limiting the cost of school uniform

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 and/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 interschool 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

Barton
Nursery to Year 5 • White polo shirt, • Grey tailored trousers/skirt, • Royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan, • Blue and white gingham dress (summer). • Royal blue or grey tights only. **Year 6:** • Striped tie presented to the children by The Friends of Barton School • Royal blue v-necked sweatshirt which can be purchased from School Shop • White collared shirt **PE Kit:** • Black or dark blue shorts • Plain white polo shirt or T-shirt • Plain black or dark blue jogging trousers/sweatshirt (for outdoor use only) • Trainers (outdoors) • Plimsolls (indoors) • Appropriate equipment for specific elements of PE e.g. shin pads and boots for football • Royal blue "Barton" hoodie Sweatshirts/ cardigans, white polo shirts, white PE t-shirts, fleeces, and waterproof coats, caps and hats bearing the school logo can be purchased from our on-line shop. Click here to follow the link: https://school-shop.co.uk/school/barton-ce-primary-school/

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East Cowton

- Light blue polo shirt
- Grey skirt, pinafore or grey school trousers or shorts
- Burgundy school sweatshirt or v-necked jumper/cardigan
- Burgundy, grey, black or white tights or socks
- Burgundy and white checked dress (summer)

PE Kit:

- Burgundy t-shirt
- Black or grey shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Black or grey jogging bottoms in cold weather
- Swimming costumes are required during the Spring Term

The school sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts featuring the school logo are available through School Trends.

Ravensworth

- Light blue polo shirt,
- Grey tailored trousers/skirt
- Grey tailored trousers/grey tailored shorts
- Maroon sweatshirt/ cardigan
- Blue and white gingham dress (summer)
- Black or grey tights/plain white socks

PE Kit:

- Black or dark blue shorts
- Plain white polo shirt or T-shirt
- Plain black or dark blue jogging trousers/sweatshirt (for outdoor use only)
- Trainers (outdoors)
- Plimsolls (indoors)
- Appropriate equipment for specific elements of PE eg. shin pads and boots for football

Sweatshirts/ cardigans, blue polo shirts, white PE t-shirts, fleeces, and waterproof coats, caps and hats bearing the school logo can be purchased from our on-line shop by clicking on the following link: www.school-shop.co.uk.

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General points:

Footwear:

- All black school shoes (no open toes)
- All black training shoes
- All black boots (no UGG style, suede or soft boots)
- Wellingtons (in snow)

Hair:

- Long, shoulder length hair must be tied back for hygiene and health and safety reasons (all pupils)
- No braids or clip on extensions
- Simple head bands, bobbles and hair ties only
- Hair styles should be sensible and appropriate for school

Jewellery and make-up:

- A watch can be worn
- Small ear studs only
- No other jewellery or accessories except for religious or medical reasons
- Nail varnish or transfers must not be worn

All clothing and footwear MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

P.E. kits should be stored in a drawstring bag that will easily hang on a coat peg.

Expectations for our school community

Role of the school staff:

- School staff will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform in the first instance.
- If children continue to not adhere to the school's policy, a policy reminder will be sent out to parents with a request to ensure that the policy is subsequently followed.

Role of the head teacher and governors:

- The head teacher is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.

- The head teacher will contact the parents of children who persistently do not follow school uniform guidelines.

Role of the Parents/Guardians:

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy
- To ensure that their child/children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as agreed non-uniform days
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every three years by Kirstie Petch (Headteacher) At every review, it will be approved by the full governing body.