



Policy for School Uniform

Introduction.

The school policy for school uniform was originally developed and agreed by the joint working committee of governors including staff, parents and school councils. The policy was reviewed, updated and ratified by the Governing Body during the Spring Term 2014.

Aims

Within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

The Governing Body at Ambleside Primary School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the head teacher and the Governing Body.

We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

Uniform

Wearing school uniform is an Ambleside Primary School regulation. If a child persistently does not wear uniform the class teacher will remind the child and ask for any reasons. If this continues, the parents will be contacted, reminded of the school requirements and asked to ensure uniform is worn at all times.

We expect our pupils to be smart at all times. This may involve reminders to children to tuck their shirts in if they are hanging below their jumper/cardigan.

All the items are readily available from the high street and supermarkets – if parents and carers find any difficulty obtaining any item, please contact the school. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code below.

Saving cards are available from the school office to allow parents to save for uniform. The amount and time-scale are flexible and uniform is given out when the full cost of an item has accumulated.

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- red or black waterproof jacket* *(Optional)*
- red zip-up fleece* *(Optional)*

- red sweatshirt*
- red or grey jumper or cardigan
- white shirt
- white or red polo shirt*
- grey or black trousers – no jeans or denim please
- grey or black skirt
- grey pinafore
- black, flat sensible, safe, shoes – no heels higher than 4cm inclusive of any platform. We would prefer if trainers weren't worn during non-active lessons.
- In bad weather periods (such as snow or ice), pupils may wear flat boots or wellington boots but should bring a change of shoes to wear whilst inside school.

Summer options:

- grey or black shorts
- red and white gingham dress
- red, black or white cap to protect from the sun* (Optional)

PE kit:

- red or white round necked T-shirt
- plain black shorts
- trainers for outdoor games only – these may be worn during breaks and lunch.
- plimsolls for indoor PE – this is for health and safety reasons

*Items marked * above are available to be purchased from the school office and are decorated with the school logo.*

Make-up

- No make-up or nail varnish should be worn.

Hair

- We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour.
- Long hair should be tied back during physical education lessons for safety.

Personal belongings

Jewellery

- It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing.
- Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs only should be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be covered with a plaster during all PE activities.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches

- Sensible watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed and collected by the class teacher before any PE lessons and sent to the school officer in a container for safe storage.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

Other items

- Bags to carry equipment and belongings should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.
- Pencil cases should be of a standard size in order to not take up valuable desk space.
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the head teacher.
- No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child – with the exception of inhalers or epi-pens. *See Medication policy for further details.*
- No 'swap' cards i.e. *Pokemons* are allowed in school unless there has been phase group permission.
- No inappropriate books, videos or magazines should be brought to school.
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose.
- We recommend that favourite toys be kept at home rather than being brought to school.
- **No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school under any circumstances.**

Role of the class teachers and support staff

- To set a good example in term of dress
- To remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- Not to wear track suits unless during a morning or afternoon session where Physical Education is being taught.
- No jeans, denim or cargos to be worn please.

Role of the head teacher and Governing Body

- The head teacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The head teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty of maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- The Governing Body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the 'Department for Education' guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund-raising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the Governing Body following the school's complaints procedure.
- We strongly urge you to put your child's name on every item of clothing.

Role of Children

All pupils at Ambleside are encouraged to take a pride in their appearance both while in school, on school trips and on their way to and from school. This includes taking care of their uniform, keeping shirts tucked in and collars turned down.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities Statement

All children have equal access and inclusive rights to the curriculum regardless of their age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, belief, disability or ability. We plan work that is differentiated for the performance of all groups and individuals. Ambleside Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential. Policies are available on each of these that expand on this further.

All staff have equal access and inclusive rights to their work regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, belief, disability or ability. Ambleside Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential. Policies are available on each of these that expand on this further.

Accessibility of policy documents

Parents and carers are welcome to ask for further information about any policy matter. Copies of all current School policies are available for parents and carers to read. A copy of each policy is displayed in the School lobby and all policies can also be consulted online via the School website at www.amblesideprimaryschool.co.uk. The School will try to arrange for the translation or summary of a document when this is requested by a parent or carer whose first language is not English.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in the Spring term 2018.



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