Seghill First School
School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform for school.

2 Aims and objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform-

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and identifies the children with the school;
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class and sets an appropriate tone for education;
- Prevents parents feeling under pressure to buy the most fashionable or up to date clothes;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents and carers;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 School uniform

red sweatshirt or cardigan*
white or red polo top*
grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore
plain black flat heeled school shoes or plain black trainers

Items marked with * carry the school logo and can be bought from the school office.

Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit, including coats, are clearly named.

Seasonal variations

In the summer children may wear a red gingham school dress or shorts (short school trousers). They can also wear flat heeled sandals with socks in the summer. Open-toe sandals, flip flops and Crocs are not appropriate for school.

In the winter, children may wear flat heeled black boots.

4 Footwear

Shoes

Children should wear plain black flat heeled school shoes with laces, buckles or Velcro fastenings or plain black trainers to ensure safety at all times. We believe that it is dangerous and inappropriate for children to wear shoes for school that have high heels and/or platform soles.

5 PE kit

Boys and girls wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. We will tell you which days they have PE.

PE kit on PE days for boys and girls-
plain white t-shirt*
red sweatshirt or cardigan*
plain dark joggers or plain dark shorts
trainers

Items marked with * carry the school logo and can be bought from the school office.

We also expect that-

- Long hair must be tied back.
- All watches and earrings should be removed.
- For some indoor PE activities, such as gymnastics, children will take part in bare feet.

6 Accessories

School water bottles and school bags are available to buy from the school office. We ask that children bring a water bottle and bag to school every day. It is entirely up to parents and carers whether they buy a water bottle and bag from school or from elsewhere. There is not an expectation that any child must have a school water bottle or school bag.

7 Pre-loved uniform

We often receive pre-loved uniform that our children have grown out of or when they leave our school. We are able to provide items of pre-loved school uniform free of charge. If you would like to get some pre-loved school uniform for your child, please see Miss Best and she will let you know what we have in stock.

If you would like to donate any school uniform, we would be very happy to receive any items that have been washed and are in good condition. We will add this to our stock of pre-loved uniform.

8 Hairstyles

Our expectations for hairstyles reflect our high expectations for school uniform. With this in mind, extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes shaved shapes or lines, Mohicans, extensions, bleaching, streaks, bright colours and styles which require styling products to maintain them.

Plain hair bands, bobbles and slides are acceptable.

9 Jewellery

We would prefer it if children did not wear jewellery to school. However, children can wear a watch. Children with pierced ears can wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings. All other forms of jewellery are not allowed.

10 Nails

Pupils are not allowed false nails, acrylic nails and nail polish.

11 The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

12 The role of governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.

13 Cost of school uniform

We do not want the cost of our school uniform to place an unnecessary burden on families. Parents and carers can buy a red school logo sweatshirt or cardigan from school, but we are also happy for children to wear a plain red sweatshirt or cardigan.

Document Record

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