



## **Uniform Policy**

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| Name of School      | Petersgate Infant School      |
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| Reviewed by         | Wendy Mitchell<br>Headteacher |

### **School Vision**

"for all children to grow into responsible, caring individuals who actively and positively contribute to the community."

At Petersgate Infant School, our vision outlined above is strengthened by our values of safety, caring, achievement, resilience and friendship. These values symbolise warmth, community and cohesion to ensure we are "working together to achieve our best".

As a school, we can apply these values through the following aims:

### **Aims**

- Ensuring everyone stays healthy and safe.
- Ensuring everyone feels valued and has a sense of belonging.
- Providing a high quality learning environment.
- Helping everyone enjoy learning and achieving their best.
- Nurturing and developing the whole child.
- Ensuring everyone makes a positive contribution to the school and wider community.

Safeguarding at Petersgate Infant School is carried out in line with the statutory guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' published by the Department for Education

### **1. Introduction**

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school, demonstrating membership of a school community and pride in representing this community.

### **2. Aims**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning since it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical and smart, hardwearing and reasonable in cost. All items other than the sweatshirt/cardigan can be bought from any high street store or supermarket
- Identifies the children with the school and encourages identity within the school
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of children
- Ensures children of all cultures, races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

### **3. The Uniform**

All children should wear:

- Green Petersgate sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt with a collar
- Grey or black smart trousers, skirt or pinafore, or shorts in warm weather
- Green/white checked summer dress in warm weather
- Grey/black tights or socks
- Smart black shoes with simple fastening and minimal decoration
- Access to a hat during warmer weather

*We are an all-weather school, so outside for outdoor learning and breaktimes. Where possible, please provide a pair of wellies (named) for your child to use. Suitable coats also need to be available for your child to wear outside.*

For PE, children are able to wear:

- Any named T-shirt (Petersgate Green T-shirts are available if required)
- Any named shorts
- Plimsolls
- Jogging bottoms for cold weather. On health and safety grounds, hoodies are not permitted to be worn during contact or non-contact sports. If needed, the children can wear a jumper/fleece in cooler weather
- Long hair must be tied for PE lessons

#### **4. Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds and as recommended by the afPE (Association for Physical Education) we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain, simple earring studs in pierced ears (one pair maximum) and watches. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears to get piercing done at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term. Where this is not possible, children will be asked and expected to remove these objects during PE and games. Where this is not possible, parents will need to provide tape which is sufficient for covering the earrings so the child is not at risk of the earring piercing the skin/bone behind the ear. Staff will check that the tape is then sufficiently covering the earrings before the lesson starts. All jewellery, including watches must be removed for PE and we cannot accept any responsibility for lost items.

In the case of medical bracelets, these can be worn during PE lessons. However, jewellery worn for religious reasons, will be expected to remove these items before the lessons or made safe, for the health and safety of the child.

#### **5. Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy young adults. We believe that it is unsafe for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Children should wear flat enclosed shoes. We welcome children walking to school in boots or wellies, but once in school, they should change into their normal school shoes and place their boots in a bag on their peg. During PE, the children will be barefoot for gym and dance in the hall. However, outside PE, the children will need to have suitable footwear for the PE lessons, these should not be their school shoes.

#### **6. Hair**

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair must be tied up in PE.

#### **7. General Presentation**

No nail varnish or make up is permitted. Nails cut short for PE lessons.

#### **8. The Role of the School**

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, the school will ensure that their uniform is affordable. In considering cost, and taking into account all the items of uniform or clothing a parent will need to provide while their child is at school we will aim to:

- Keep the use of branded items to a minimum.
- Ensure our uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment)
- Ensure that second-hand uniform is available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand (Pre-Loved) uniform is published on the school's website or come into the school office, where a member of staff will be able to help you

## **9. The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to read our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. We request parents to ensure that their child has their correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make a representation to the Headteacher in the first instance. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasonable grounds e.g. on religious grounds or have an identified special educational need where reasonable adjustments are required, for example, why parents need their children to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will respond to such requests on an individual basis.

## **10. The Role of Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

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

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard-wearing, safe and practical.

## **11. Monitoring and Review**

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its work by:

- Seeking the view of parents to ensure they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have a special dispensation with regard to school uniform