

Policy for School Uniform at Quilters Infant School

Introduction

- THIS DOCUMENT IS a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for School Uniform and appearance at Quilters Infant School.
- IT WAS DEVELOPED during the Summer Term 2012 through a process of consultation with the Governors on the Curriculum and Pupil Related Matters Committee. This was reviewed in June 2015 by the Full Governing Body and no amendments were made.
- IT WAS APPROVED by the Full Governing Body on 30th June 2015.
- THIS POLICY WILL BE REVIEWED according to the Policy checklist.

Headteacher

Chair of Governors

Date

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Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Provides pupils with a sense of belonging and an identity with Quilters Infant School.
- Ensures that pupils are seen as equals to their peers.
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline.
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Encourages cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is good value for money.
- Supports effective teaching and learning.

Principles

- All children wear school uniform.
- We pride ourselves on the high standard of appearance of the children and a smart uniform provides visitors with a good impression of the school.
- Our uniform is practical and smart everyday wear for young children and has been designed with health and safety in mind. It is not designed to be fashionable.
- Our uniform is easily identifiable when out on trips/working with other schools, assisting staff in keeping the children safe.

Strategies for Ensuring all Pupils Wear Consistent Uniform

- Prices are kept to a minimum and reviewed regularly to ensure best value.
- Parents are informed of the uniform prior to applying for a place at the school through the school prospectus.
- Parents who have accepted a place for their child at the school are informed of the uniform at the new intake meeting and are given a copy of the uniform policy.
- Parents accepting a place for their child mid-year are informed of the policy through the prospectus, by office staff and are given a copy of the uniform policy.
- Parents sign the 'Home School Agreement' stating that they will be responsible for ensuring that their son/daughter attends school regularly, on time and well prepared and ready to learn.
- Regular reminders are given to parents/carers about correct uniform through newsletters.
- For children who frequently wear incorrect/unsuitable items of school uniform parents will be contacted by the Headteacher.
- As a school we are considerate if a pupil does not keep to the school uniform policy and try to find out why it is happening so that where possible the problem can be remedied. With young children, lack of appropriate uniform is the responsibility of the parents so the Headteacher will discuss the issue with the parents and agree a suitable resolution. Parents are welcome to come into school to discuss these issues.
- All items of clothing, shoes, bags and PE kit must be named.

Purchasing Uniform

- Items of school uniform detailing the school logo are ordered directly from the manufacturer at www.redoak-schooluniform.co.uk
These items are marked with an asterisk * on the uniform list in Appendix 1.
- All other items can be purchased through high street stores and some may be available through our school manufacturer at competitive prices.
- A few items can be purchased in school, marked with a cross +.

- The PTA run second hand uniform sales, where good quality items can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

Lost Property

- Where items have been named they are returned to the children.
- Items that are un-named are deemed to be 'lost property' and are retained in school for one term, after which time they are sent for recycling.

Roles and Responsibilities

SCHOOL STAFF work towards the school's aims by:

- Being good role models.
- Emphasising the reasons why it is important to wear the correct uniform.
- Discuss inappropriate uniform/appearance with pupils and parents.

THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (Headteacher and senior staff) work towards the school's aims by:

- Taking lead responsibility for implementing, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the School Uniform Policy throughout the school.
- Recording and reporting incidents of serious breaches of the policy.
- Meeting with parents to discuss inappropriate uniform or appearance.

GOVERNORS work towards the school's aims by:

- Monitoring and reviewing the school uniform policy.
- Reviewing prices through its Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee.
- Having regard to regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- Considering requests from parents/carers for children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform, either for religious or medical reasons.

PARENTS work towards the schools aims by:

- Supporting the school uniform policy.
- Supporting the school's high expectations of school uniform and appearance.
- Ensuring that their children have the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

QUILTERS INFANT SCHOOL UNIFORM

Appendix 1

ITEM	COLOUR/STYLE	HOW IT SHOULD BE WORN
Trousers/Skirts/ Pinafores/Shorts	Grey	Plain and simple: without frills, lots of embroidery, pockets or zips
Collared T-Shirt *	Gold with Quilter's School Logo	Tucked into trousers/skirts. At least 1 button fastened. Collar over sweatshirt/cardigan
Tights	Grey only	Grey tights to be worn with Pinafores and Skirts Tights should not be worn with summer dresses
Socks	Grey or white with skirts/shorts/dresses Grey/black or white under trousers	Grey, black or white socks with trousers Grey, black or white short socks with shorts White socks with summer dresses/skirts or pinafores.
Shoes (No boots or trainers)	Black Shoes must be low heeled and not 'fashion shoes'	Boots are not allowed to be worn in school, but may be worn to school and changed into shoes Trainers are not to be worn to school or to be worn for P.E.
Sandals (No flip flops)	Black, navy blue or white Sandals must be low heeled and not 'fashion shoes'	Open toe sandals are permitted, but we accept no responsibility for injuries to toes/nails and they must be worn with socks. Open backs are not acceptable
Summer Dresses	Navy blue and white check	Striped or pale blue check are not acceptable
Sweatshirt/Cardigan *	Navy blue with Quilters School Logo	Should be worn over a polo shirt with collar over the sweat shirt/cardigan
Fleece/Waterproof Jacket *	Navy blue with Quilters Logo	For outdoor wear only
Hair Styles	Simple and easy to manage	Extremes of styles and colour are not permitted
Hair Accessories	Navy/White Large colourful hair bands, bobbles and scrunchies are not acceptable	Hair should be tied back for safety reasons and to help to prevent transfer of head lice. Hair must be tied back for swimming and PE
Jewellery	Small stud earring Simple watch (without alarms/buzzers)	Jewellery must not be worn, except for a small stud earring and a simple watch. All must be removed at home for P.E. and swimming
Make up/Nail Varnish/Tattoos	Must not be worn	
Sun Hats	Navy blue with Quilters Logo is available but any other colour or style is acceptable.	Sun Hats should be sent into school throughout the whole of the Summer term and beginning of the Autumn term
Book Bag *	Navy Blue book bag with Quilters Logo. Not ruck sack.	No other bags should be used due to limited space
P.E. KIT		
Tracksuit – for cold weather	Navy school sweat shirt with plain navy trousers	Sweatshirt to be worn over white Quilters T-shirt
Shorts	Navy blue	To be worn for indoor P.E.
Round neck T-shirt *	White with Quilters Logo	Must be worn for all P.E. sessions
Plimsolls	Black	No trainers are allowed. Velcro fasteners are easiest to manage
Socks	White, grey or black	For girls – an extra pair of short socks to replace tights (if worn)
P.E. Bag *	Various colours	Doesn't have to contain school logo
School Fleece*	Navy	Can be worn for outdoor P.E. if weather is cold
SWIMMING KIT		
Waterproof Bag	Any colour	
Swimming Hat +	Yellow with Quilters Logo	Must be worn at all times
Swimming Costume or Trunks	Any colour, but must be plain and simple	No bikinis or loose short style trunks are allowed
Towel	Any colour	
Small Towel	Any colour	To stand on in the changing room
Verruca sock	Any colour	Only necessary when a child has a verruca
Swimming goggles	Any colour	Optional

Items marked * are available directly from the manufacturer at www.redoak-schooluniform.co.uk

Items marked + are available from the school office

All items of School Uniform must be clearly labelled with the child's name.