

TWEEDDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Review of the Policy

This policy provides guidance on teaching and learning at Tweeddale Primary School. It reflects the views of teaching staff and was agreed by the Local Governing Body on 13th March 2018.

The policy will be reviewed by the Head Teacher annually and by the governing body in **January 2021** or earlier if required. The implementation of the policy is the responsibility of the staff and will be monitored by the Head Teacher, Senior Management and individual curriculum coordinators.

Signed.....
Headteacher

Date.....

Signed.....
Chair of Governors

Date.....

It is the policy of Tweeddale Primary School that all children wear school uniform. Our policy for school uniform is based on our shared belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Develops a sense of community and belonging to the school
- Is practical and looks smart
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable clothing for school
- Is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school

Our school uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece (school branded or plain, no other brands, no hooded sweatshirts)
- Black or grey trousers or skirts (non-branded and skirts of an appropriate length)
- White or red polo shirt (non-branded)
- Plain black leather school shoes
- Plain grey, black or white socks (no patterned socks and no bows or ribbons attached)
- Plain red, grey or black hairbands of an appropriate size (a check pattern is permitted but no decorations are acceptable)

In the summer, children may wear red and white checked dresses or black or grey shorts. These must be free from any form of logo or brand name.

Polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces can be bought from the school office at reasonable prices. Alternatively, sweatshirts in school colours can be bought from most high street shops. Sweatshirts and polo shirts must not have any logos or brand names, other than the school logo on them, nor should they have hoods.

In Yrs R – 6, jogging bottoms should not be worn, except for P.E. Children in Nursery may wear jogging bottoms.

We have a stock of second-hand, good quality uniform that can be purchased at low prices, where there are financial difficulties.

Footwear

Children should wear shoes that are comfortable and safe. It is inappropriate and unsafe for pupils to wear shoes with high heels, open toes or platform soles or to wear strappy sandals. This sort of footwear is likely to cause accidents.

During lesson time, trainers may only be worn for P.E. or sports. Pupils may change into trainers for break-times and change back into uniform shoes afterward.

Boots may be worn to and from school in the winter but they are not suitable to be worn all day. Children must bring another pair of shoes to change in to.

Only school shoes are classed as acceptable footwear: no trainers (even completely black) are permitted.

Jewellery

Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings and a watch to school.

Other forms of jewellery may not be worn – this includes rings, bracelets, necklaces and rubber, paper or material wristbands. Earrings must be plain silver or gold studs (spherical, cuboid or flat only). Earrings that contain gemstones, or are of a novelty shape, are not permitted. Nail varnish of any kind is not permitted (including clear).

Hair

Children must come to school wearing an appropriate hairstyle. Hair dye of an unnatural colour is also not permitted.

P.E. Kit

All children are expected to change into their P.E. kit for P.E. lessons, for hygiene and safety reasons. At Tweeddale, our kit is:

- Shorts or leggings for indoor lessons or jogging bottoms for outdoors
- T-shirt with short sleeves, not vest tops or crop tops
- Plimsolls (trainers may also be worn for outdoor lessons)
- Track suits may be worn outdoors, as appropriate for the weather

For some indoor lessons e.g. dance and apparatus work, bare feet are more appropriate than plimsolls.

Preferred colours for P.E. kit are white or red t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms (**no logos or brand names**).

Children who do not bring PE kit are loaned a kit from our second-hand stock and a reminder will be sent to parents.

Earrings

For reasons of health and safety, children may not wear earrings on the days they have swimming or P.E. Any child doing so will be required to remove them before the lesson.

Swimming

Children are expected to bring their swimming kit (including a towel) on the right day. Appropriate swimwear should be worn, such as a one piece swimsuit, swimming trunks or swimming shorts. Bikini's and Bermuda shorts are not permitted. All children must wear a swimming hat to go swimming in the school pool. Swimming hats can be purchased from the office.

The Role of Parents and Carers

We expect all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their children come to school clean and tidy, in school uniform. This forms part of the agreement between home and school.

The Role of Staff

All members of staff are expected to remind children that they should be wearing school uniform.

Children who **persistently** fail to wear the correct uniform will be subject to the following sanctions:

- Stage 1: Behaviour points will be added to their school record
- Stage 2: A letter will be sent home from the Headteacher
- Stage 3: The child will be sent home

The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to monitor the implementation of this policy.

The governors and the Headteacher will consider any requests from parents for individual children to have adjustments made to school uniform for medical or religious reasons.