



Believing and Achieving Together

School Uniform Policy – February/March 2023

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and sets an appropriate tone for education
- Creates a sense of community, unity and belonging towards the school and their peers
- 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
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind and is practical
- Prepares children for similar uniform policies at subsequent educational environments and later in a variety of workplaces

Seaton Delaval First School uniform consists of:

- White shirt or polo shirt (white or red)
- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan**
- Grey or black school trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey, red or white socks or tights
- Black shoes or boots (please see below)
- Red and white check summer dresses

Please note: Our uniform policy also requires that any significant alterations to a child's natural hair (including bleached or dyed hair, shaved lines, shapes and/or patterns and any type of hair extensions) must not be done during the course of the school term and if done during school holidays this must be rectified prior to the start of the new term.

The school is sensitive, and open, to a discussion around adaptations, and exemption's, for race, religion or belief, gender, disability, gender reassignment or sexual orientation.

Non-uniform days are regular throughout the school year, pupils are not permitted to attend school wearing 'onesies' or pajamas for Safeguarding and practical reasons; we thank you for your support.

**sweatshirts & cardigans with the school logo (not compulsory) are available from emblematic.
<https://emblematic.co.uk/schools/sdfs/>

N.B. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. Watches may be worn and also studded earrings but must be covered (or ideally removed prior to attending school) during PE. If children are unable to remove stud earrings themselves they must cover them with micropore tape brought from home. Smart watches are also not permitted.

Footwear

Children should wear black 'sensible flat school shoes' with laces, buckles or Velcro fastenings to ensure safety at all times. The school wants all children's feet to grow healthily. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school. This is because this type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

P.E.

To ensure the health and safety of all children at Seaton Delaval First School, we expect each child to follow our PE dress code.

- For P.E. lessons children will require a **plain white or red t-shirt, plain black shorts** and a pair of sandshoes or trainers. These should be brought in a bag on the day of your child's PE lesson.
- Children to change into their PE kit for indoor and outdoor PE.
- Children with long hair will be expected to have it tied back for PE lessons.
- All watches and jewellery should be removed.
- Earrings to be covered with micropore tape/elastoplast if they cannot be taken out.
- For Dance and Gymnastics children will take part in sandshoes or bare feet.
- For outdoor PE and games activities in the hall children will be expected to wear sandshoes or trainers.

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. If there are any issues preventing you from doing this then please speak to our school office who will endeavor to discreetly assist where possible.

The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. If there are compelling reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the governors will consider such requests. Governors require commitment from parents and carers to fully support this policy; if this policy is breached and attempts at resolving breaches are not successful [e.g. Parents will be requested to return to the Barber, etc.], Governors may decide to exclude a pupil from school until the matter can be resolved.

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This policy will be reviewed regularly.