

THE ANTHONY ROPER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our website.

Aims and objectives

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

- **promotes a sense of pride in the school;**
- **engenders a feeling of community and belonging towards the school;**
- **is practical and smart;**
- **identifies the children with the school;**
- **prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;**
- **makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;**
- **is regarded as suitable wear for school, and good value for money, by most parents;**
- **is designed with health and safety in mind.**

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and a watch (no SMART watches or Fitness Trackers e.g. Fitbits). We ask the children either to remove these during PE and games, or cover them with micropore tape (available in school), to prevent them from causing injury.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Make Up

The wearing of make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, strappy open toed sandals, sling backs or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black sensible, smart shoes.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and

ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the 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 representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

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

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

Monitoring and review

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

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

School Uniform Details

A detailed list of our school uniform and P.E dress code is available on the website. All new parents are given this list. Parents are also given details of where they can purchase our 'logoed' school uniform items.