

## Principles

At Wychall Primary School we believe that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with our caring, nurturing and purposeful learning ethos of 'Safe, Secure and Successful'. Wearing school uniform reinforces this ethos and enables your child to be an integral part of our community. Certain school activities are best facilitated by specialised, appropriate clothing; this also includes organised events outside of normal school hours.

*We hope that all children will take pride in their appearance.*

## Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform;

- is fit for purpose when children are pursuing a wide range of activities
- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes or styles might be)
- makes the children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- nurtures cohesion between different groups of pupils
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- takes account of health and safety issues

We have tried to ensure that many elements of our uniform are available in most large store and supermarkets.

Our school uniform consists of:

- A yellow polo shirt with or without school logo
- A bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo
- Long or short grey trousers not leggings, joggers or fashion trousers
- Knee length grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Green or yellow gingham knee length dress in warmer weather
- Plain white, black, grey or green tights or socks
- Optional green Wychall zip fleece/waterproof jacket

\* Year 6 are presented with a special light jade green sweatshirt to identify them as our School Ambassadors. This is given free of charge, however if additional sweatshirts are requested, there will be the normal charge from school.

\*\* We also have an elected Wychall Safeguarding Board and members can be identified by their blue sweatshirts with a specially designed logo, so that they can be identified around school. A blue checked dress can be worn by members of WSSK with blue jumpers.

## **Shoes:**

- Black shoes or plain black trainers (no logos)
- All shoes should have low heels. Please note that children are not permitted to wear mules, sandals, sling backs, peep toes or fashion shoes. Boots may be worn in the winter months or wet weather and changed out of, once in school.

## **PE & Swimming Kit:**

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Black plimsolls for indoor PE
- Towel, swimming trunks/costume (not bermudas or bikinis) with a bag for swimming

In the colder months it is important that children are dressed appropriately for outdoor PE. Black Tracksuit trousers and a plain sweat top will ensure their comfort.

### **Jewellery & headwear:**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school except for items listed below.

- Simple wristwatches are permitted from Year 3 but are bought to school at pupil's own risk. They must be silent and named.
- Pupils with pierced ears may wear one pair of small simple stud earrings. Pupils must be able to remove these by themselves or have them covered so they can take part in P.E.

Head wear is not allowed in school except for religious or medical reasons. Girls from the Muslim community who choose to wear a head covering garment may wear a green, plain short hijab or white if preferred in summer.

Long hair must be tied back and short hair should be worn in a smart style without embellishments (patterns, shaved sections or Mohican). Children's hair should not be dyed or coloured due to medical risks.

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day (a lightweight jacket/raincoat in the summer months).

A copy of this policy will be agreed with parents of all children new to our school. If anybody has difficulty complying with the uniform policy on medical grounds this should be referred to the Headteacher.

Please ensure that ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT IS CLEARLY LABELLED AS THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **The Headteacher will ensure that:**

- The policy is implemented
- The policy is shared with all new parents to the school
- Consider reasonable requests from parents for exemptions to this policy

#### **Staff will ensure that:**

- They implement this policy, including reporting to the Headteacher or Phase Manager where appropriate
- Set a good example in terms of dress following our staff policy
- Remind the children to wear school uniform

#### **Parents/Carers will ensure that:**

- Their child/children adhere to the school uniform policy
- Their child/children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non uniform days
- All uniform is clearly labelled

#### **Children will ensure that:**

- They take an increasing responsibility for their belongings as they go through the school
- They try hard to care for their belongings
- They support their parents and wear their uniform with pride

### **Equalities:**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Wychall Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that enables everyone to work and play free from racial intimidation and harassment so they may achieve their full potential.

This policy will be reviewed and updated as required.