



Slaley First School

Uniform Policy 2023-2024

Nurturing Ambitious Individuals

School Uniform Policy

I. Aims and objectives

I.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense 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.

I.2 It is our policy that all children wear **compulsory** 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 below:

All year round

- Grey/black: trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan
- Yellow polo shirt
- White, Blue, Black or Grey socks or tights
- Plain black school shoes or boots (no sandals or trainers)

In the summer

- A blue & white or yellow & white gingham dress may be worn

If you are a gender non-conforming or nonbinary student, you have the right to dress and wear hairstyles in a gender non-conforming manner.

UNIFORM ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SALTO UK BUT AS LONG AS THE ITEMS ARE THE CORRECT COLOURS THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE BRANDED.

P.E. Kit

- Royal blue shorts
- Yellow, round neck t-shirt (no buttons or fastenings)
- Royal blue sweatshirt & track-suit bottoms (for outdoor P.E. & swimming)

- Socks & Trainers (rather than plimsolls, as they do not afford enough support)
- Drawstring P.E. bag (clearly named)

All uniform, PE kits, bags, coats, shoes and wellies need to be clearly labelled with the child's name

2. Jewellery and Hairstyles

The wearing of jewellery, especially earrings, is **not** allowed because of the possible danger to the wearer and to other pupils.

Northumberland County Council has a policy of not allowing earrings to be worn during PE, for reasons of safety (this includes swimming). The school accepts no responsibility for the safekeeping or removal of any jewellery or watches. The school does allow small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara but these must be removed before PE / swimming. Hijabs and skull caps are allowed.

Children should have long hair tied back at all times during the school day and hair should not be dyed or styled in extreme fashions, including rats tails and tramlines, during term time.

- 2.1** Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy

3. The role of parents

- 3.1** We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support 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.
- 3.2** 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.

4 The role of governors

- 4.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 4.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 4.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

5 Monitoring and review

- 5.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
 - requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

DFE statutory Guidance – Published on 19th November 2021 states-

'Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable. In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.'

Slaley First School is confident that our uniform is provided by a best value supplier (SALTO UK) and regular enquiries are made to other providers in order to continually ensure that this is the case. Parents can, of course purchase non branded items from other retailers, as long as they are the correct colours.

Policy Ratified – March 2023

Date of next review - March 2024