



Ambleside Primary School

Policy for School Uniform

Introduction.

The school policy for School Uniform was developed and agreed by the Joint working committee of governors including staff, parents and school councils. It will be submitted for ratification during the autumn term 2006 for the full agreement of the new Governing Body. The policy was approved and ratified by the Governing Body during the Autumn Term 2006.

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

Ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

The Governing body at Ambleside Primary school will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.

We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Red or Black Zip-up fleece*
- Red Sweatshirt* (Please note that children may wear there existing ones until they out grow them)
- Red or grey jumper or cardigan
- White Shirt
- White, Red or grey Polo shirt*
- Grey or Black trousers – no jeans please
- Grey or Black skirt
- Grey Pinafore
- Black, flat sensible, safe, shoes – no heels higher than 4cm inclusive of any platform

Summer Options

- Grey or Black shorts
- Gingham dresses – any colour
- Red or black cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit

- Red, White or Grey T-Shirt or Polo Shirt*
- Plain Red, Grey or Black Shorts
- Trainers for outdoor games only – these may be worn during breaks and lunch.
- Plimsolls for Indoor PE – this is for health and safety reasons

Jewellery

- It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing.
- Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be covered with a plaster during all PE activities.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches

- Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed and collected by the class teacher before any PE lessons and sent to the school officer in a container for safe storage.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

Make Up

- No make up or nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.

Equipment

- Pencil cases should be of a standard size in order to not take up valuable desk space.
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Head teacher
- No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child ~ with the exception of inhalers or epi-pens
- No 'swap' cards i.e. *Pokermans*, unless there has been phase group permission
- No inappropriate books, videos or magazines
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose
- Bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.

*Items marked * above are available to be purchased from the school office and are decorated with the school logo.*

All the items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

Hair

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour.

Long hair should be tied back during Physical Education lessons for safety

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in term of dress
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals
- Not wear track suits unless during a morning or afternoon session where Physical Education is being taught.
- No jeans or denim to be worn please.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- The Head teacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DfES guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fun raising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the school pupils and personnel sub-committee of the governing body following the schools complaints procedure.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

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 Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ambleside Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in the autumn term 2010.