



School Uniform Policy

Introduction

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

Donemana Primary School uniform consists of:

- Sky Blue Polo shirt with school logo
- Red round-necked sweatshirt with school logo
- Grey school trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Grey or white socks
- Grey or red tights
- Black shoes or boots
- Red checked summer dresses

Donemana Primary School PE uniform (also for after school activities) consists of:

- Navy / house colours round-necked t-shirt with school logo
- Navy tracksuit bottoms with school logo or plain (no badges, stripes etc.)
- Navy or red shorts with school logo
- Red hooded sweatshirt with school logo

Aims and objectives

Our policy for 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
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

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 or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we encourage the wearing of trainers to school. 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.

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.

The Role of Governors

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The Governors will consider, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

This policy, which has been endorsed by the Board of Governors, will be reviewed regularly.

Jewellery Policy

Rationale

Occasionally pupils wear personal items to school, which constitute a health and safety hazard. The following recommendations are in line with our Health and Safety Policy and the “Safe Practice in Physical Education” document, and reflect our commitment to the safety of all in our school.

Policy

- The wearing of jewellery is discouraged however a ring, a watch and / or one pair of stud-type earrings in the ear lobe will be accepted.
- No studs or rings may be worn in any other part of the body
- During outdoor sporting activities, PE or playtime, children must remove all jewellery, e.g. watches, rings, earrings etc.

- If children cannot remove earrings independently parents must ensure they do not wear them to school on PE days or they have plasters to cover them with before PE

- Some hair accessories can be hazardous in an activity which involves physical contact. Hair decorations should be simple and practical.

- Teachers will regularly check that these guidelines are being observed and complied with.

- The responsibility for the safe-keeping of jewellery rests with the pupil.

The help, support and cooperation of parents in implementing this policy is greatly appreciated. It has been written with the safety of your child in mind.