



## **School Uniform & Appearance Guidance**

The Governing Body of Sketchley Hill Primary School strongly recommends the wearing of school uniform as detailed in this guidance.

The decision to recommend a school uniform is based on non-statutory guidance from the Department for Education relating to best practice, (September 2013).

The guidance states that *'it is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so what that should be. This flows from the duties placed upon all governing bodies by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body'*. (Section 88 of the Education & Inspections Act 2006).

The Department for Education Guidance, September 2013, strongly encourages all schools to have a uniform and to set appropriate guidance for Uniform & Appearance as they believe that setting a code of conduct for appropriate school clothing and appearance can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and helps to set an appropriate tone for behaviour.

In line with DFE guidelines the Governing Body of Sketchley Hill Primary School will seek to ensure best value when appointing a supplier by considering the proposed cost to parents, the availability of supply, the quality of garments and that the uniform supplied is fit for the purpose.

The Governors promise to avoid frequent or unnecessary changes to the uniform specifications so as not to place an unfair burden upon its parent body.

The Governors will also take into account any religious beliefs that affect a parents' choice of uniform for their child and ensure this guidance meets Equality & Discrimination guidelines.

The Governors authorise the Senior Leadership Team to work with parents and carers to ensure their child attends school dressed in appropriate clothing – meeting both uniform guidelines and health & safety advice.

At Sketchley Hill Primary School we would prefer pupils to wear the uniform provided by our supplier and embroidered with the school logo as this promotes a sense of belonging to and pride in their school. However, we accept that some parents prefer to buy their uniform from a different supplier using the school colours as their guidelines.

### **Appearance:**

The Governors request that parents are guided by school colours and styles when buying the uniform – royal blue sweatshirts/cardigans and royal blue or gold polo shirts with dark grey or black trousers, skirts or tailored culottes.

Our guidelines on appearance include a request that 'stick on transfers' are not appropriate for school and must not be on view when a child is wearing uniform or PE kit.

The Governors would prefer sensible age appropriate hairstyles and colours (except on rare fund raising events), including a recommendation on health grounds that long hair is secured during lesson times.

Detailed uniform advice listed below.

### **Approved uniform available through the school office –**

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan – embroidered with school logo
- Royal blue or gold polo shirt – embroidered with school logo
- Royal Blue Fleece
- **PE T-shirt** – red, blue, yellow or green – embroidered with logo, team colour allocated by school.
- Children taking part in the Beaumanor and PGL residential visits will be provided with a hoody. Children are then allowed to wear these in school after the trips.

### **Additional preferred uniform details –**

#### *Class wear –*

- Grey or black trousers, skirt or tailored culottes
- Grey or black shorts (during summer months)
- Blue & White cotton dresses (during summer months)
- Grey or black tights, white, grey or black socks.

**Black sensible footwear** – open toes sandals, neon laces, coloured shoes/boots, long stripey socks etc are not appropriate.

### **Required PE Kit –**

*Class teacher will advise of appropriate dress for lesson –*

- Red, blue, yellow or green T-shirt – as above
- Sensible shorts for indoors and summer outdoors
- Sensible trainers (preferably black) for indoors or outdoors
- Jogging bottoms for outdoors
- Sensible trainers for outdoors
- In cold weather, children can wear their school jumper, cardigan or fleece over their PE kit.
- Swimwear will be required for children in Year 3 and other year groups if they are attending swimming sessions – swim hats are encouraged.
- **Shin pads for football – this is a compulsory requirement for after-school football club.**

### **Jewellery –**

- Children are allowed to wear watches
- Stud earrings only (1 per ear) – and they must be removed by the child before a PE lesson or in special cases covered by a plaster
- Rings, bracelets and necklaces are NOT allowed
- Nail varnish is NOT allowed
- Transfers and mock tattoos are NOT allowed.

### **Outdoors –**

- Children are expected to wear a suitable outdoor coat in cold/wet weather.

### **Marking uniform –**

- Parents are requested to mark all items of uniform with their child's name.

### **Purchase of uniform -**

All uniform items, to include book bags, are available to purchase from **Hole In The Wall, 11 Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1QU, telephone number: 01455 637475.**

The school PTA will continue to donate a PE bag to every child that joins the school, however if you require a replacement PE bag, this can still be purchased at a cost of £3.50 from the school office.

The Governing Body appreciate that official uniform items with school embroidered logo can appear to be expensive for some parents. They accept that parents may prefer to purchase their child's clothing from other manufacturers, including high street providers, but expect families to adhere to the school colour scheme and general guidelines when buying.