



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 guidance from the Department for Education relating to best practice, (November 2021).

It is for the governing board of a school to decide:

- *rules around appearance*
- *whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so, what that should be*
- *how the uniform should be sourced*

These duties are placed upon all governing boards by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.

We strongly encourage schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- *promoting the ethos of a school*
- *providing a sense of belonging and identity*
- *setting an appropriate tone for education*

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 in to 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’ or fake tattoos 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 Hole in the Wall –

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan – embroidered with school logo (if possible)
- Royal blue or gold polo shirt – embroidered with school logo (if possible)
- Royal blue fleece embroidered with school logo (if possible)
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or tailored culottes
- Grey or black shorts (during summer months)
- Blue & white or yellow & white cotton dresses (during summer months)
- Grey or black tights, white, grey or black socks
- Children taking part in the Beaumanor and PGL residential visits will be able to purchase an embroidered hoody. Children are then allowed to wear these in school after the trips.
- 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 team T-shirt – with school logo or plain
- Sensible black shorts for indoors and summer outdoors
- Sensible trainers (preferably black) for indoors or outdoors
- Black jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoors
- In cold weather, children can wear their school jumper, cardigan, fleece or a plain black/royal blue hoodie
- Swimwear will be required for children in Year 4 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 – 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 permitted. (We are mindful of religious observance.)
- 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.
- Children are expected to have a hat or sun cap in hot 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 PTA offer a secondhand uniform sales – please ask at the office for sales dates

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.

Pupils in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a voucher that entitles them to;

1 x P.E shirt

1 x Polo shirt

1 x Jumper or cardigan

Free of charge from Hole in the Wall