

## Crowton Christ Church C.E. Primary School

### Uniform Policy – Spring 2024



Uniform Policy	
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### Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo-shirts / shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. School uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents / carers are looking after themselves, others and the environment.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the Crowton Christ Church CE logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. Parents are also able to access “Nearly-New” uniform for free from the school office. We encourage parents to access this uniform to minimise cost and the impact on the environment.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in Appendix A at the end of this policy.

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

### Aims and Objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils’ uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

## **Health and Safety**

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance.

Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Pupils are free to wear a headscarf at Crowton Christ Church CE if they wish to. Headscarves of the type which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable. Longer headscarves are not permitted for safety reasons.

## **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black trainers. These should be closed in with no toes visible. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

## **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

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 our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher, where it may be considered for the next Uniform Policy review.

## **The Role of Staff**

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

## **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's 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. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Special Circumstances**

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

## **Discipline**

The Headteacher has the authority to discipline students for not wearing correct school uniform. In extreme cases, a student could be excluded for persistently failing to follow the school uniform policy. It is our intention to explore all alternatives, through consultation and discussion with parents / carers, to avoid this sanction being taken.

If a student arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. Parents / Carers will be contacted. Should the problem persist, parents / carers may be invited into school to discuss the situation.

## **Lost Property**

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be stored in Lost Property. Children and Parents are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Any items of school uniform left at the end of the school term without names on will be cleaned and provided to parents free of charge on our "Nearly-New" rail. Other items of clothing will be recycled in our textile-recycle bin.

## **Help providing uniform**

Crowton Christ Church C.E. provide free items of 'nearly-new' school uniform to families who may require these. We encourage all parents to try and minimise the cost and environmental impact of new clothing by passing unused and 'old' uniform to the school so that it can be used again.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation regarding school uniform.

## **Appendix A – Uniform Information available on the School Website**

We keep stocks of uniform in school. It can be purchased by placing an order online through the parents payment section of School Spider or direct from the office with a cheque payable to Crowton C.E. School Fund.

Nearly-new uniform is kept in the school office and is available **free of charge if available**.

Children should wear a red v-neck school jumper / cardigan with a school tie, white shirt.

Grey trousers or pinafore /skirt. Grey shorts or red gingham dresses (available from most school uniform department stores/supermarkets) can be worn in warmer weather. Shoes or black unmarked trainers, should be worn for school, except on Mondays and Fridays when children can wear normal trainers as part of their PE uniform.

Children should come to school in their PE kits each Monday and Friday, unless otherwise advised.

PE kit consists of school PE T-Shirt, dark coloured shorts in warmer weather; tracksuit bottoms when it is cold, and pumps. Pumps can be left in school in a pump bag. Children can bring a sweatshirt on PE Days for outdoor PE when the weather is cooler.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**