

## Uniform (Student) Policy

### Purpose

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### Dress Code

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The uniform available can be worn anytime in the year. It is up to the family/guardians as to what items of clothing they choose from the uniform supplier. The uniform is standard, it is not seasonal.
- Parents/guardians can buy uniform clothing from any supplier of clothes, as long as it is Teal, Navy or White.
- Students must wear appropriate uniform for sports days: Shorts/ Pants, Polo Shirt, and Runners.
- Any type of Active Wear, (Skins, 2XU, Under Armour, etc) are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn at school, unless the student is competing in sports events.
- Shorts must be at least mid-thigh length and must be Navy in colour.
- Leggings can only be worn under dresses or skirts.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Necklaces and bracelets with crosses or other religious symbols are also accepted, if they don't pose a safety risk.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is SunSmart hats consistent with our SunSmart policy – Navy Bucket or Slouch Hats (plain or with logo). They must be worn outside from mid-August till the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Cultural and religious headwear can be worn
- Winter Jackets & Coats, of various colours, can be worn in the yard, although jumpers/windcheaters are to be official school jumpers with the school logo.
- Details of uniform items and place(s) of purchase, will be available on request from the School Office and on the school website.
- School Council requires that the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- PSW School bags are recommended. However, it will be up to the family/guardians to ensure that the student has a backpack for their books, lunch, etc.
- Art smocks are the only exception to our uniform range. An old shirt can be used, or any Art smock purchased from any supplier.
- Socks can be navy, black or white.
- Hair ties / pieces can be any colour.
- Scarves can be worn, but must be navy, teal or white.
- Shoes must be 'closed toe' e.g. runners or black school shoes. Students are encouraged to wear runners, especially on sport days.
- Book Bags are required, and are given to children when they begin Prep. If these bags are lost during their schooling at Berwick Chase Primary School, their parents / guardians must purchase a replacement.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship *must* apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

**Evaluation**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year cycle.

*This Policy was ratified at School Council on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and will be reviewed in 2021*