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Introduction

It is our federation policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our prospectus.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on 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
- Identifies the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our federation. The exceptions to this rule are watches, earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. Any necklaces must be worn underneath school shirts / blouses. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

Extreme Haircuts

The federation does not permit children to have “extreme” haircuts, including colour, which could serve as a distraction to other children. Children with long hair are required to tie their hair up at all times, but especially for subjects such as; Swimming, P.E., Science and Cookery, for health and safety reasons.

Footwear

The federation 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, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our federation. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers in our federation; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but it is not in keeping with the smart appearance of school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our schools to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct school uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The federation is all inclusive and welcomes children from all faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with, and support the policy.
- Considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Long Lane Church of England

- White shirt or blouse
- For summer a white polo shirt (with optional school logo for summer)
- Grey cardigan, V-necked jumper or V-necked sweatshirt (with optional school logo)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Gold and black school tie
- Yellow gingham dress
- Grey or white socks
- Appropriate school shoes

Marston Montgomery Primary School Dress Code

- White / red shirt or polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with optional Marston Montgomery logo)
- Grey/Black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Red gingham dress
- Grey or white socks
- Appropriate school shoes

The Acorn Federation PE Kit

Our PE kit is shared across the Federation so that when we attend sports events we are all in the same kit.

- Plain navy blue t-shirt, no buttons as these cause problems during gym (with Acorn Federation Logo)
- Navy jumper (jumper with Acorn Federation Logo)
- Navy Shorts
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy sun cap (with Acorn Federation Logo)
- * Optional PE bag (with Acorn Federation Logo)
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Black pumps for indoor PE and gym