

Grange Primary School



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

UNIFORM AND SCHOOL CLOTHING

Introduction

It is our school 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 detailed below and on our school website -

www.grange.newham.sch.uk.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Is designed with health and safety in mind;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- creates 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 good value for money by most parents.

Dress Code

All children should come to school in the following uniform:

- Grey/navy skirt, trousers or tunic.
- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper
- White polo shirts.

In the summer:

- Girls may choose to wear a blue/white checked dress.
- Black/navy or grey shorts for boys.

All children, including nursery children, are required to wear school uniform. It is important that our uniform is consistent throughout the school. Through wearing school uniform, it enables children to prepare for the next stage of their education, where uniform is mandatory.

It is recommended that names are put on all clothing, in order to prevent clothing being misplaced, lost or confusion with other children's items. This is the duty of the parent and items that are lost will not be replaced by the school

Children need to be dressed appropriately for the weather/season to ensure that they are comfortable and their needs are being met.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small necklaces of religious significance, such as a religious symbol on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury. Bracelets may not be worn unless they are 'medi-alert' bracelets. Bracelets for religious purposes cannot be worn in school as they are a health & safety hazard.

Footwear

The school 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 children must not wear such shoes to school. Nor do we recommend children wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask all parents 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 schoolwork or safe play. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. 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 the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Girls who wear headscarves should wear plain white, blue or black scarves.

We will kindly accept donations of good quality used uniform but only if they are embossed with the school badge.

The role of the head teacher

The head teacher ensures that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The head teacher is supported by the governing body in implementing the school uniform policy. Grange considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the governors to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Monitoring and review

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

- Seeking the views of parents.
- Considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special exemption with regard to school uniform;

Reviewed by: Mrs Dellis Smith, Head teacher

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