# SEABURN DENE PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY FOR UNIFORM



# "...we always try to be that little bit better."

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Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost.
- Provides the best value for money for families.

The uniform policy for our school has been created so that it can be purchased from many different retailers, including charity and second hand providers, so that it gives value for money for parents and carers and it is readily available. The uniform **does not** need to have the school's logo on and many of the items that are available with a logo are an **optional** choice.

- School logo school coats, PE hoodies and tops are only available from Total Sports https://totalsport.co.uk/ on Hendon Road, Sunderland.
- School ties are available from the main school office.
- Asda, Sainsbury's, Primark, Morrisons, Matalan, Tesco and M&S, to name a few, all generally provide a range of school uniform items, including footwear, which are in line with the school's uniform policy.
- We also have a range of good quality pre-loved uniforms at the school office, that we can give out to parents/carers who may need them due to finance, children growing so quickly or nearing the end of the school term/year. Please do not hesitate to ask at the school office.
- Please click on the link below for information about uniforms from Sunderland City Council.

https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/24050/School-Uniform-Support

# <u>Uniform</u>

- White school shirt. Polo shirts may be worn in Nursery.
- Blue V-neck jumper or cardigan.
- Plain grey or tailored school trousers.
- Plain grey skirt or pinafore dress.
- Plain white, black, grey or navy blue socks or tights
- Blue and white checked school dress may be worn in warmer weather.
- Grey shorts may be worn in warmer weather.
- Sensible black school shoes should be worn at all times. Fashion shoes with high heels, plastic shoes, trainers and flip-flops are not suitable.
- An appropriate coat whenever it is likely to be cold or wet.

# <u> PE KIT</u>

- Blue or white PE top (available from Total Sport) or blue or white plain t-shirt.
- Blue PE hoodie or 1/4 zip top (available from Total Sport.)
- Plain PE shorts (black or blue.)
- Trainers for PE.

PE kits must be worn on class PE days.

#### Swimming kit

Swimming kits are:

- All in one swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis)
- Swimming trunks/shorts (no knee length leisure shorts)
- Towel
- Swimming cap (long hair.)

Year 6 children are able to wear a 'leavers' hoodie - normally in the Summer Term. School will arrange for the order of the hoodies at the end of the spring term, together with the Friends group. The hoodies can be used for residential visits and for children to wear coming to school/going home, at playtime and lunchtime.

# Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance e.g. a crucifix. These **must** be removed during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

### 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, high heels or are flip-flop style shoes. We do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

#### Hair

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair must be tied up in PE and for swimming. Where possible in swimming, children need to wear a swimming cap. The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme include tramlines, extensions, stars, shaved heads, extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts and dyed, tipped or dipped hair.

#### Other

Nail varnish and nail extensions are not allowed and should be removed prior to coming to school. Temporary tattoos/transfers are also not allowed.

# The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. If parents need any support around uniforms, they are asked to call the office to discuss any issues and the school will try to support and help where possible.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make a representation in the first instance to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

#### The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the 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 uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing and practical.

# Monitoring and Review

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

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

# Inclusion Statement

At Seaburn Dene Primary School, we are committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all of our pupils whatever their needs or abilities.

Pupils have Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. Pupils with a disability have special educational needs if they have any difficulty in accessing education and if they need any special educational provision to be made for them, which is anything that is additional to or different from what is normally available in schools in the area.

At Seaburn Dene Primary School we undertake the duties, including in relation to this policy:

- Not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason which relates to their disability
- To take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage

• To do our best by all disabled members of our school community in relation to the requirements of this particular policy

# **Equality & Diversity Statement**

Seaburn Dene Primary School fully recognises its duty to comply with equality and diversity legislation, and its Gender Equality Scheme sets out the school's aims in relation to equality and what it will do to ensure that equality is fully embedded in practice. The school fully acknowledges its responsibilities in terms of equality issues in relation to gender, age, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation and gender reassignment, including in relation to this policy.

Seaburn Dene Primary School is firmly committed to equality and diversity, and when carrying out our functions, we shall have due regard to the need: to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment; to promote equality of opportunity between men and women.

# This Policy should be read in conjunction with the School's Child Protection Policy.