



SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

This policy has been developed in collaboration with parents and as a result of requesting their views, collating their responses and holding a ballot in which parents overwhelmingly voted in favour of adopting a school uniform for Sir John Barrow children.

In the Autumn Term of 2008, parents were again balloted due to the merging of Dale Street Infant School with Sir John Barrow Junior School in September 2009. The majority of parents were in favour of retaining the same uniform.

- 1 It is our agreed policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an educational event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school web site and a list can also be obtained from the office at any time. From time to time, special occasions or events such as Christmas Parties or fund raising activities will be designated as non-uniform activities and parents will be informed in good time.
- 2 **Aims and objectives**
Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
 - promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
 - is practical and smart;
 - easily identifies the children with the school;
 - encourages team building without compromising individuality;
 - is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
 - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
 - is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
 - has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- 3 **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 objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. School staff are **not** permitted to do this for the children, nor can they remove items of jewellery from the children. We ask that children do not have their ears pierced until the start of the summer break. This is in line with Local Authority recommendations. Body piercing is not allowed on the basis of Health and Safety. Nail varnish should not be worn during school time.
- 4 **Extreme haircuts**
The school does not permit children to have haircuts, styles or hair colour that could serve as a distraction to other children.
- 5 **Footwear**
The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults and therefore in school, they should wear sensible, plain black, safe footwear with an appropriate grip. We allow children to wear plain (no

coloured stripes/edging or laces are allowed) black trainers to school as these provide appropriate grip and are comfortable. However the children will need an additional pair of trainers or plimsolls for physical education as part of their PE kit. This is necessary for hygienic purposes when exercising. All children need a full PE kit to change into for Physical Education lessons. (It is permitted for the children to bring tracksuit tops and bottoms for outside games during cold weather)

6 The role of parents/carers

We respectfully ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy and ensure their children wear the school uniform.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents/carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

9 Sir John Barrow School Uniform

- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt with or without logo
- Navy or black trousers/shorts/skirt
- Pale blue checked dress in summer
- P. E. Kit:
 - Coloured t-shirt according to house colour, with or without school logo.
 - Navy shorts with or without school logo
 - Tracksuit pants for outdoor use in cold weather.
- Shoes:
 - Sensible, plain black, safe footwear with an appropriate grip, e.g. plain (no coloured stripes/edging or laces) black trainers.
 - Additional pair of trainers or plimsolls for physical education as part of their PE kit.
- Parents have the option for a 'fair trade' uniform version (with comparable quality)

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Signed: H Pemberton

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To be Reviewed: March 2020

Approved by the Inclusion Committee meeting on 19th March 2018.