



New GREEN BADGE WITHOUT SCHOOL NAME

Shefford Lower School Uniform Policy

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Rationale

1. It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.
2. We provide a complete list of all the items needed for the children's school uniform in this policy.

Aims and objectives

3. 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;
 - identifies the children with the school;
 - is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and accessories might be);
 - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and items purchased;
 - is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
 - has been designed with health and safety in mind (nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not).
4. As part of our ethos we would like all children to wear the correct uniform properly at all times. This includes to and from school, the playground, corridors and classrooms.
5. It is important for the promotion of social independence that the younger children are able to manage their own clothes and shoes (Younger children may not be able to manage laces for example). This should be considered when purchasing school uniform.
6. In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked with your child's name.
7. In some instances, where medical professionals require your child to wear something different, they will provide you with reported statements for the school file.

Uniform

Parents are asked to send their children to school clean, tidy and appropriately dressed. The school uniform was consulted as part of the schools for the future consultations in 2020. There is a change from red to green as a result. A two and a half year 'lead in' was agreed to support cost of living for families. This policy was brought again to the parent focus group in 2023. Our uniform will no longer contain the name of our school to support the safeguarding of our pupils when they play online, or in public.

It comprises of:

Grey skirt/pinafore dress, trousers or shorts,

Green or white polo-shirt and green jumper or sweatshirt.

Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks/tights.

Green and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer months – with black modesty shorts.

PE: Boys and girls wear black shorts and house t-shirts for PE with black trainers. Jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers will be needed for outdoor activities in the same colour codes

Year 3 children will need swimming kits.

Year 4 girls and boys need black football socks and shin pads for PE.

House colours:

Your child will be allocated a house group by the school office upon admission. Each house is designated a colour, which your child will wear for PE and sporting events.

Earth House - Green

Air House - White

Fire House - Red

Water House - Blue

Black, white or coloured trainers are only allowed for outdoor PE and are not acceptable for daily school wear.

PE kit must be kept in a **named draw-string bag and in school at all times**. Other bags are not allowed due to limited cloakroom space.

Ruck sacks in particular do not allow coats to be pegged over the top, and these then fall off and become a safety hazard.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, PE bags and summer hats displaying the school lion and motto are available to purchase online. Some stock, including recycled uniform is available from the school office.

Earrings

9. Earrings are strongly discouraged in school. Earrings pose a safety hazard on a busy playground and during sports.
10. If parents opt for their child to wear earrings they must only be small studs, either silver or gold.
11. Children who are participating in P.E., swimming, sports clubs and /or physical activities **must not wear earrings.**
12. This is due to the potential risk of injury, earrings being lost/stolen and the spread of infections. It is therefore recommended that children do not come to school wearing earrings on these days. **Children will be asked to remove earrings and to store them themselves.** Staff will not be responsible for the removal, insertion or storage of earrings. If children are unable to remove their earrings, they will need to tape them to safeguard from injury.

Make up and cosmetics

13. Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform and safeguarding requirements. Nail varnish is not allowed, and is deemed unsafe in an emergency when determining heart flow. Temporary tattoos breach our safeguarding protocols and are distracting to other pupils in class also.

Hair

14. Long hair must always be tied back. This is not gender specific. Hair accessories must be understated; hairbands must be plain, and not draw attention to distractions, nor add to a child's height.
15. *For example:*
16. *Children sitting behind jojo bows are prevented from seeing the board; hair bands with ears or pompoms will be considered a distraction*

Accessories

17. Children may not wear adornments or jewellery that are not for religious, medical or safety purposes. Where there is a requirement for religious, medical or safety purposes, they must comply with health and safety requirements and be agreed with the Headteacher.

Non – compliance with school uniform

18. The head teacher can discipline pupils for breach of uniform policy. This may mean a behaviour consequence if a child persistently breaches school uniform policy.
19. Children may be sent home with a note to parents highlighting the breach of policy and asking them to remedy the breach. However, the school will endeavour to establish the reasons for non-compliance and will be sensitive if parents are in financial difficulty.
20. Some children experience different needs for medical reasons. Where this is asserted, evidence will be stored in compliance of GDPR and our Inclusion Manager will provide clarity.
21. The school may loan missing items of uniform to ensure that children do not feel singled-out, should parents be unable or unwilling to provide them with the required items of uniform.

School Uniform finance

22. This is available to parents who qualify and meet the criteria for Free School Meals. No child will be disciplined for non-compliance because of their particular cultural, race or religious dress code.

Role of Parents

23. We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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 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 writing, 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 religious

objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

24. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a child with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Inclusion Manager, or the Head teacher. The school will not treat children with disabilities unfavourably.

Monitoring and review

25. The Board of Governors supports the Headteacher in agreeing and implementing the school uniform policy. We will collectively consider all representations from parents regarding this policy and ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. We will ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.
26. When monitoring this policy, we will:
- Seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
 - Consider any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
 - Report to the governing body on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Governors every four years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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