



Peel Common Junior School

School Uniform Policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 At Peel Common Junior School it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy and is displayed in our reception area.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 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;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small, discreet watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro pore' or equivalent to prevent them from causing injury.

Pupils should not wear ear-rings if they are attending swimming lessons.

Make up and nail varnish are not permitted.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children eg. completely shaved heads; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts, dyed hair, coloured hair braids.

Pupils hair should not be cut shorter than a 'grade 2' cut.

Hair accessories such as hairbands, should be discreet and black, white, navy or grey in colour.

Long hair should be tied up.

Headwear worn for religious reasons must be black or dark blue.

5 Footwear

5.1 For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe shoes that are dark in colour. Boots should not be worn as they are not suitable for wearing all day. However, during the winter months wellies or boots may be worn to school, but changed for school shoes when the pupils arrive at school.

6 PE

6.1 Our P.E. kit consists of a plain t-shirt in the colours of the pupil's particular House colour; Red for Robins, Blue for Kingfishers, Green for Woodpeckers and Yellow for Wrens. Shorts are to be either black or navy in colour. Trainers can be worn for outdoor PE lessons. In the colder weather pupils will be encouraged to wear track suits as appropriate. We would prefer these to be plain in colour. All pupils need to ensure that their PE kit is in school and is named.

7 The role of parents

7.1 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. All items should be named to facilitate the return of mislaid items.

If the school has a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

7.2 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 on such requests.

8 The role of governors

8.1 The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy on an annual basis or where it has been challenged by a parent through the school's complaints procedure. 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.

9 Uniform

Boys

Navy blue sweatshirt (no hoodies)

Pale blue or white polo shirt or white tailored shirt (to be tucked in at all times in school)

Black or grey trousers

Dark, plain socks

Dark coloured, plain shoes (no logos)

Girls

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (no hoodies)

Pale blue or white polo shirt or white tailored shirt (to be tucked in at all times in school)

Black or grey trousers

Black, grey or navy skirt (knee length)

White or dark socks

Dark coloured, plain shoes (no boots)

Tights should be plain black, navy blue or grey (No footless, leggings or cropped tights)

In Summer:

Blue and white checked school dresses may be worn

Tailored black, blue or grey knee length shorts may be worn instead of trousers

White (for girls), black or navy socks must be worn

During Winter months

Wellies or boots may be worn to school, but changed for school shoes when the pupils arrive at school.

10 Issues concerning school uniform

10.1 If the school has an issue with any aspect of the school uniform a pupil is wearing (relating to any aspect detailed above) then in the first instant a phone call will be made home so that it can be informally resolved. If the problem persists then the child may be asked to be collected by the parent/s or carer/s and then returned to school in the correct uniform; this will not be considered as an exclusion but as an authorised absence. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. In either case the pupil's parents will be notified and the absence would be recorded. If there is a serious and/or persistent breach/es of the school's uniform policy then the school will consider excluding a pupil, this will be done in line with the legal requirements for exclusion.

10.2 If a parent has an issue with any aspect of the school uniform a pupil is wearing or of this policy and how it is enforced then in the first instance they should seek to discuss the matter with the Headteacher. Where an issue remains unresolved this should then be pursued through the school's complaints policy, a copy of which can be found on the school website or can be collected from the school office as a hard copy.