

Ashgrove Primary School

Uniform & Jewellery Policy

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Rationale

We believe that it is important for every child to attend school in full uniform, with clean face and hands and with a minimum of jewellery. A clean, smart appearance and the wearing of uniform have a number of advantages:

- our children are easily identified for security reasons;
- children associate their uniforms with settled behaviour and work;
- all children look and are treated as equals;
- uniform limits the influence of fashion and status;
- wearing uniform helps children to take pride in their school;
- other clothes are kept good for life outside school.

We greatly appreciate the support of parents with uniform.

Uniform

The full Ashgrove uniform includes:

- sweatshirt or pullover or cardigan (bottle green)*
- white polo shirt with school badge*
- tights (green) or socks (green, grey or white)
- skirt or pinafore or trousers (grey)
- summer dress (green and white check)
- a strong (named) slipper bag
- PE kit (P1 – gym shoes, polo shirt. P2 to P7 – T-shirt, gym shoes or trainers; shorts, jogging bottoms or tracksuit).

(* These items are sold in school.)

We believe in equality of opportunity for all our children and the wearing of grey trousers by girls is as acceptable as it is by boys. For safety all children are expected to wear black shoes with low or medium heels. Children may change into trainers for use in the playground.

Items of clothing bearing controversial logos and emblems should not be worn, including during PE, at clubs, when representing the school on visits and on journeys to and from school.

The school greatly appreciates the support of parents in labelling items of uniform with their child's name, with keeping the uniform clean and by encouraging their children to wear it every day.

Items such as trousers, skirts, green and white dresses, socks, shoes, gym shoes and PE kits are available from local supermarkets and retail outlets. The sourcing of items featuring the Ashgrove badge is based on value for money, with suppliers being selected according to the cheapest price for agreed serviceable quality. School will continue to sell items with the Ashgrove badge at minimal profit.

Jewellery

We ask that a minimum of jewellery is worn.

Watches, plain rings and simple stud earrings are acceptable. In accordance with North Eastern Education and Library Board guidance, children are not permitted to wear hooped or “dangly” earrings in school and will be withdrawn from the playground and all forms of PE for their own safety and that of others. Again for reasons of safety, the wearing of necklaces is discouraged but if worn with the uniform they should be tucked inside the shirt or blouse. Necklaces should be removed during PE and long hair should be tied back.

The swimming pool prohibits the wearing of all jewellery and requires that long hair be tied back.

Items of jewellery bearing controversial logos and emblems should not be worn, including during PE, at clubs, when representing the school on visits and on journeys to and from school.

The school cannot take responsibility for the loss or damage of personal items, particularly valuables.

Health and Safety

In cold weather pupils are expected to wear appropriate coats and hats in the playground.

Parents are encouraged to ensure that children are visible to traffic during their journeys to school on dark winter mornings. Pale coats and/or reflective armbands are recommended.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.