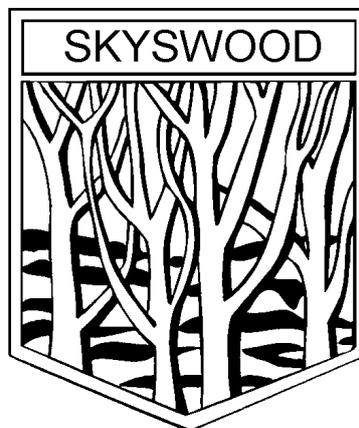


# **Skyswood Primary & Nursery School**

## **School Uniform Policy**



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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

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. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform within this policy, within our school prospectus and on our website, [www.skyswood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.skyswood.herts.sch.uk).

## **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;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and supports the principles that are set out within our Inclusion Policy;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents.

## **3. THE ROLE OF PARENTS**

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 the school day. 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 the first instance to the Headteacher or the Governing Body. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, eg on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will give fair consideration to 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.

#### **4. THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

#### **5. JEWELLERY**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are watches and earring studs in pierced ears. Any items of jewellery with religious significance will be given fair consideration.

We discourage children from bringing expensive watches to school. We ask that children remove earrings during PE and games with regard to health and safety, although they may cover studs with appropriate tape. If a child needs to cover studded earrings with tape then it is the parent/carers' responsibility to provide the tape.

All items of jewellery MUST be removed for swimming lessons.

#### **6. EXTREME HAIRCUTS AND GENERAL APPEARANCE**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to wear hair gel. Parents should also be aware that hair braids with beads, tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of make-up are not permitted. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie shoulder length hair back with an appropriate plain hair band. This is for health and safety reasons and also to ensure that your child looks smart and ready for school. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (eg 'tramlines').

#### **7. FOOTWEAR**

Children should wear black, well-fitting shoes to school. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Boots are only acceptable in adverse weather conditions, where they are both practical and necessary. Our

school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity. For younger children it is important that your child is comfortable and efficient with the process of changing their shoes. We do not advise laces until your child is competent to tie laces. We do, however, recognise the importance of parents practising these skills with their children at home, and encourage parents to support their children in developing such skills, which clearly help to improve their level of independence within the school environment.

All children are required to change their shoes on entering the building. Indoor shoes should also be black and well fitting.

## **8. UNIFORM**

The Skyswood Primary & Nursery School uniform can be purchased from the school suppliers (Stevensons, Victoria Street, St Albans). Uniform is optional for children in our nursery class but we do encourage them to wear the navy blue school sweatshirt. Secondhand school uniform with a logo can be purchased through the school. Uniforms can be purchased from other suppliers, apart from Stevensons, as long as they reflect the appropriate school colours as identified within our School Uniform Policy. All articles of clothing, including coats, and footwear should be clearly marked with the child's name.

### **Boys**

- Navy blue sweatshirt, with or without light blue school logo
- Light blue polo shirts, with or without school logo
- Grey school trousers or knee length tailored shorts
- Grey or black socks
- Black, well-fitting school shoes - plain black trainers with black laces are acceptable as school shoes (no slip-on shoes or open toed sandals)  
Boots may only be worn as appropriate footwear in adverse weather conditions
- Plain black indoor shoes (eg, plimsolls or appropriate plain canvas shoes)  
(no 'lights' or other inappropriate embellishments)
- Navy fleece, with or without light blue school logo (optional & for outdoor use only)
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back for safety reasons (Hair bands should be plain in style and white, blue or black in colour)

### **Girls**

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without light blue school logo
- Light blue polo shirts, with or without school logo
- Grey school knee length skirts or tailored shorts, grey trousers or pinafore dress
- Light blue and white checked school dresses – knee length (summer)  
(Summer dresses should be 'light blue' and not navy blue and should be 'checked' and not striped)

- Grey or white socks or grey tights
- Black, well-fitting school shoes with a heel no higher than 2 cms – plain black trainers with black laces are acceptable as school shoes (no slip-on shoes or open toed sandals)  
Boots may only be worn as appropriate footwear in adverse weather conditions
- Plain black indoor shoes, (eg plimsolls or appropriate plain canvas shoes).  
(no 'lights' or other inappropriate embellishments)
- Navy fleece, with or without light blue school logo (optional & for outdoor use only)
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back for safety reasons (Hair bands should be plain in style and white, blue or black in colour)

## **PE**

- Plain white PE shirt (with or without school logo but no other logos)
- Navy blue PE shorts
- Trainers for juniors all year round. Trainers for infants during summer term only
- Optional navy tracksuit/sweatshirt for outdoor use
- Drawstring bag (clearly labelled)
- We encourage children to bring a sports-type bottle for water to school each day

## **Swimming (Autumn Term – Years 4 & 5, Summer Term – Years 3 & 6)**

- Swimming trunks/shorts (boys)
- One piece swimming costume (girls)
- Towel
- Goggles are optional
- Plain swimming hats must be worn by all children

## **9. EXTREME WEATHER**

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have an appropriate sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or snowy weather.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage should dress appropriately for all kinds of weather. Outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years Curriculum. Although we have shelters, it is important to provide an appropriate raincoat on wet days.

## **10. LOST PROPERTY**

In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

## **11. MONITORING AND REVIEW**

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

- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.