STEEL RIVER
ACADEMY TRUST

Uniform Policy



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At Whale Hill School we have an excellent team of dedicated, teachers and support staff who are committed to maintaining our high standards in all areas of learning. We believe in attention to detail in all things and this is reflected in our uniform policy. We believe uniform is important because it:

- Looks smart
- Wears well
- Contributes to a sense of belonging and community
- Gives a common purpose
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Fosters a feeling of pride
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure that within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils.
- Promote a uniform that is suitable and appropriate for school life and does not distract from learning.

Our School Uniform

Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. Uniform including the school logo can be ordered online at myclothing.com and Motif8 – **no other branded clothing please.**

https://motif8.co.uk/category/schoolwear/primary/whale-hill-primary-school/

https://myclothing.com/collections/whale-hill-primary-school-17482/

Uniform can also be purchased from Quickastitch, 2 West Terrace, Redcar, TS10 3BU.

Remember that purchasing uniform which includes the school logo is optional. Many of our families choose plain t-shirts and sweatshirts without the school logo.

This is our uniform:

- Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan- plain or with the school logo-no other logo.
- White or blue blouse/shirt or polo shirt.
- Grey or black trousers/skirt or pinafore dress/playsuit- no leggings, joggers or tracksuit bottoms.
- Blue checked summer dress/playsuit or school shorts-no sports shorts.
- Skirts and shorts need to be of an appropriate/modest length.
- Tights should be plain blue, black, white or grey without any patterns.

Shoes must be:

- Sensible- safe to walk and run in the playground and negotiate steps and stairs.

- Plain black shoes – no high heels, brightly coloured stripes or patterns and any laces must be black too.
- If boots or wellies are worn children must change into black school shoes once inside the school building.
- Velcro or easy fasten alternatives must be worn if a child cannot tie his/her own laces.

Crocs should not be worn as they are not suitable for the school day.

PE Uniform

Pupils can arrive to school in their PE kit on their PE days. PE kit consists of:

- Plain black/plain blue shorts or black/grey jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms in winter.
- Plain blue or plain white tee-shirt (under a school jumper if it isn't warm enough for short sleeves).
- Plimsolls or trainers (which should be different from those they wear for school).
- No football kits or full tracksuits clothing please.

Pupils with Sensory Needs

Sensory uniform can be purchased here:

https://direct.asda.com/george/collections/easy-on-easy-wear-school/D28M110G1C3,default,sc.html

https://www.marksandspencer.com/l/kids/easy-dressing

https://sensorysmart.co.uk/

If your child struggles with sensory processing, do not hesitate to come in and speak to us.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Hair

- We discourage pupils from coming to school with hair cut/styled in patterns, mohicans, braids etc…
- Long hair reeds to be tied back neatly for school.
- Hair accessories, such as slides, ribbons, hairbands, bobbles etc., should be fairly simple and, if possible, in school colours (blue, white, grey or black).
- Dying of hair is discouraged and must not be of a colour that draws undue attention. Non-natural vibrant colours, such as pink, blue, green etc are not allowed.

We will speak with children who come to school with unacceptable hair styles to dissuade them from doing so or repeating the hairstyle once it has grown out. This is so that other children do not copy hairstyles which are a distraction to learning.

Jewellery, make-up etc

- Jewellery of any kind must not be worn. The school cannot be responsible for lost items of jewellery. However, should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn. These must be removed for all PE activities, or can be worn with parental permission.
- Make up, including false eyelashes, are not to be worn.
- Watches may be worn to school but it may be best to leave them at home on PE days.
- Smartwatches may be worn, but those which enable pupils to receive messages, take photos/videos or go online, may not be worn.
- Nail varnish/acrylic nails or any kind of nail decorations should not be worn on fingernails or toenails.
- No transfers, henna tattoos etc.
- Children who come to school with decorated nails or body art displayed, may be asked to not join the other children at playtimes until removed. This is so that other children do not copy.

Religious Dress

Headscarves/Hijab

These may be worn for religious reasons but must be in school colours – royal blue/black/grey only. These must also be removed during PE lessons, unless the Head Teacher has given permission following confirmation in writing from parents that the child is post-puberty, and only then if it is close fitting.

Turbans/Patkas

These may be worn for religious reasons but we ask that they are royal blue, black or grey only if possible.

Role of the Teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in term of dress and appearance.
- Remind all children to wear our agreed uniform.
- Remember that in our respective roles we endorse the ethos of the school.
- Not wear track suits unless teaching Physical Education or a sports club after school.



























