



# Cam Hopton Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Aided)

Life in all its fullness

## School Uniform Policy

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This policy is to be reviewed in line with other related policies and any other documentation from the DfE, Ofsted and Gloucestershire Diocese.

## **Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask parents/carers to support children in taking pride in their personal appearance as part of experiencing *Life in all its fullness*.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the Cam Hopton CE Primary School logo on, however this is optional. Other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and outdoor activities, is included in this policy.

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive school ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

## **Aims and Objectives**

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what should be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

## **Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance and studs for children with pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) for all Physical Education activities (including swimming) to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' can be worn, but should be plain. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for special function, for example a school disco or a *Break the Rules* day. Pupils are free to wear a headscarf at Cam Hopton Primary School if they wish to.

## **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted. Pupils can bring trainers into school to change into for break periods. Pupils must however change back into shoes at the end of break periods.

## **Adaptations for Weather**

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses and sun hats are all appropriate in the hot weather.

## **The Role of Parents/carers**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. If this happens persistently, parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

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 our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

## **The Role of Staff**

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a

pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Special Circumstances**

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

### **Lost Property**

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

We expect parents to clearly label items of clothing, so that they can be easily reunited with children.

### **Helping to Provide Uniform**

Any items of uniform left unclaimed in lost property at the end of each term, will be washed by a member of our PTA and offered for a donation to school or free to families who may require them.

## **School Uniform Guide**

Uniform items marked with a \* are available with the Cam Hopton school logo and can be purchased from [YourSchoolUniform.com](http://YourSchoolUniform.com)

It is not essential for these items to have a school logo; versions in the uniform colours without a logo are acceptable and often cheaper from supermarkets. Our school uniform is gender neutral and consists of the following:

- Navy Sweatshirt/Cardigan\*
- White Polo Shirt or Shirt
- Grey Trousers
- Grey Skirt/Pinafore Dress
- Flat Black Shoes
- Grey Shorts (not PE shorts)
- Blue & White Dress (recommended for summer only)

PE Kit:

- White T-Shirt\* (not football shirt)
- Navy PE Shorts
- Trainers for outside sports (not daps)
- Navy or grey zipped hoody or sweatshirt or normal school jumper
- Navy or grey leggings/joggers (recommended for winter only)

Whilst plain jogging bottoms, hoodies/sweatshirts are preferred, a small branded logo is acceptable.

Cam Hopton CE Primary School is committed to equality, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This school aims to serve the community by providing high quality education and promoting Christian Values.