

Hillcrest Early Years Academy



Uniform Policy

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School Uniform Policy

The Board of Trustees have a statutory duty placed upon it to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupils. We believe that a smart school uniform worn by all children will promote a sense of purpose and discipline which is the foundation for both personal and academic development. Moreover, it contributes to a sense of community and belonging, central to our ethos, as all our children identify with each other and their school.

The policy was updated in September 2023 to take account of DfE guidance about the affordability of uniform.

Aims

The wearing of a uniform will create a sense of identity and pride in the school. The children will learn to take pride in their personal appearance. By insisting on correct uniform, the parents will be assured that their children are wearing clothes that are appropriate and safe for school life.

Guidelines

We expect the support of all parents/carers for our policy.

It is school policy to include all our children in every activity. Provision will be made for children who, for medical or religious reasons, find the uniform inappropriate, providing they do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community. Parents must discuss the issue with the Headteacher.

Every effort will be made to help all our children keep to the uniform; pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

If a child arrives at school without the proper school uniform, the following procedure will be put in place:

1. The uniform policy will be explained to the child in an age-appropriate way and they will be asked to remove, if appropriate, any part that does not conform – this might include fleece jackets inside, non-uniform hoodies, oversized hair accessories or jewellery. The teacher will speak to the parent at the end of the day and present a copy of the Uniform Policy.
2. If the uniform item cannot be removed in school, the pupil will be reminded of the policy and be advised that they must not wear the item in school. The teacher will speak to the parent at the end of the day and present a copy of the Uniform Policy.
3. If new uniform or footwear is needed to be able to conform to the policy, the teacher will advise the family to purchase the suitable items.

Named uniform

All items must be clearly named so that lost property can be quickly returned. Staff will write names in uniform if unnamed.

Makeup

No makeup or nail varnish is allowed in school. If a child arrives at school with makeup or nail varnish, they will be asked to remove it at the earliest convenience.

Jewellery & Body Art

No jewellery, except a watch and small earring studs, are allowed in school. It is a health and safety hazard on the playground and in PE lessons and can cause distress to the child if such jewellery is mislaid. If jewellery, other than a watch and earring studs are worn, the pupil will be asked to remove it and hand it to the teacher. It will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day. This includes charitable wristbands, unless consent has been given by the school. Body art, in the form of temporary tattoos and transfers, are also unsuitable for school.

Outerwear

'Hoodies' (hooded tops) present a hazard in the playground and are not appropriate in school. The only exceptions to this are:

- a Year 2 Leavers' hoodie, ordered from school, which can be worn by Year 2 children in their final weeks of school.

Electronic devices

Mobile telephones, i-pods, communication watches or similar devices are not allowed in school. They are not covered on the school insurance and therefore, any family sending them in an overnight bag for a stay at a second home, do so at their own risk. The teacher should be made aware so that any device can be signed in at the office until the end of the day when it will be returned to the child.

Hair

Extreme haircuts, coloured hair, hair extensions and oversized hair fashion accessories are not appropriate for school. They may cause a hazard in the playground and a distraction in class. Pupils with long hair must have it tied or free from their faces during school.

Spare Clothes

It is recommended that all children in EYFS have a spare full set of clothes in their PE bag in case of accidents. This eliminates parents having to drop fresh clothes at school in the event of a toileting accident or water play. We have limited spare clothes in school in the event of an accident.

Recycled Uniform

Any unwanted items are collected and stored by the school office. Every term, we hold a 'Pop-Up Shop' so that parents can take away recycled uniform at no cost. This is to support all families with the rising costs of living. The Safeguarding Lead (Mr Inman) and Deputy Safeguarding and Wellbeing Lead (Miss McCutcheon) are alert and sensitive to conversations with families who may be in need of more uniform and recycled uniform may be offered to families wherever needed.

PE Kit

On the day when your child has PE, they are welcome to come into school for the full day in their PE kit. Our Academy PE kit consists of a purple t-shirt, white, black or Purple shorts (Joggers/leggings in the winter months) and plimsolls/trainers.

Non-Uniform Days

At times through the school year, we hold non-uniform days. On these days, the Uniform Policy is relaxed and pupils can come dressed in their own clothes. In the interests of health & safety, the policy does not change for wearing hoodies, heeled shoes or boots, hair extensions/oversized accessories or jewellery, make up and nail varnish or body art.

School Visits/Sporting Events

When the children are on a school visit or attending a sporting event, it may be appropriate to change the uniform requirements for that day. If this is the case, this will be communicated to parents.

Suppliers

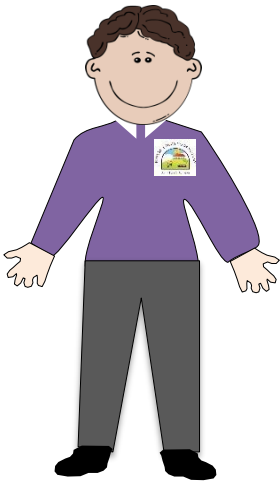
Uniform items can be purchased from Uniform Direct who are situated in Gainsborough town centre. Alternatively, you can purchase uniform on the Uniform Direct website: <https://uniform-direct.com/>

Our Uniform

All children should wear uniform at Hillcrest as it gives your child a sense of belonging and of pride in their Academy. Children who wear it feel part of our team. The Academy reserve the right to insist that children are dressed appropriately at all times.

It is also designed to be very practical for nursery and infant children.

The following code of dress is in place: -



Dark Purple sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper

Grey skirt, pinafore dresses or trousers

White polo or formal school shirt

Grey, black or white socks or tights

Sensible flat black shoes

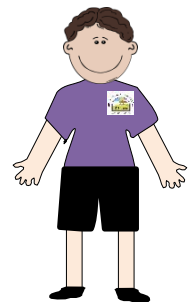


During summer months, children will be allowed to wear a purple summer dress if they wish.

PE Kit

PE kit consists of a purple t-shirt, white, black or Purple shorts (Joggers/leggings in the winter months) and plimsolls/trainers.

PE t-shirts and bags are available from Uniform direct.



Jewellery

Your child's safety is paramount to us therefore we ask that children do not come to school wearing jewellery. No child will be permitted to take part in PE lessons whilst wearing any form of jewellery and parents are asked to provide tape for earrings so that children are able to participate.

Please ensure all clothes are clearly named as we cannot be responsible for lost items.