

# Holly Park School School Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, and when participating in a school organized event outside normal school hours.

School uniform is part of the school ethos and in coming to Holly Park parents agree to support our policy.

We are very proud of our school uniform and believe that children like wearing it. We believe that it supports both equality and behaviour.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy and in our parent handbook.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class:
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

#### Introduction

The school policy for School Uniform was developed and agreed by governors

Any Branded school uniform items can be bought from Braggs in North Finchley, however, many items on our school uniform list are generic and can be bought from many supermarkets or online.

We just ask that the shade of red is the same shade as the items with a logo.

Our PTA also run regular second hand uniform sales where items can be purchased for a very reasonable cost.

We do ask parents to donate uniform to the PTA if their child outgrows it and in this way items can be passed on to other families. It is a good way to recycle and reuse uniform items that are in perfectly good condition.

#### **Aims**

Through this policy we aim to:

Ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

The Governing body at Holly Park School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.

# Uniform

# Nursery

Grey jogging bottoms (generic)

Holly Park School polo shirt (There is choice from either the branded item or a generic red one) Holly Park School sweatshirt (There is choice from either the branded item or a generic red one) Black shoes (Velcro or secure slip-on shoes)

#### **Reception Winter**

Grey skirt or trousers or grey tracksuit bottoms (no jeans) (generic)

Grey pinafore dress (generic)

School sweatshirt (There is choice from either the branded item or a generic red one)

School Polo Shirt (There is choice from either the branded item or a generic red one)

Red cardigan (generic)

Red or grey tights

Grey, black or white socks

Black shoes (maximum heel height 3cm) No trainers

Black boots (max heel height 3cm)

Red, green, white or black hair accessories

School fleece (optional and for outdoor wear only)

#### **Reception Summer**

As Winter or:

Green and white checked dress (generic and optional)

Grey shorts (generic)

White or black sandals with secure fastening (max heel height 3cm)

#### Year I to Year 6 Winter

Grey skirt or trousers (not tracksuit bottoms or jeans) (generic)

Grey pinafore dress (generic)

School sweatshirt (There is choice from either the branded item or a generic red one)

School Polo Shirt (There is choice from either the branded item or a generic red one)

Red cardigan (generic)

Red or grey tights

Grey, black or white socks

Black shoes (maximum heel height 3cm) No trainers

Black boots (max heel height 3cm)

Red, green, white or black hair accessories (Optional and generic)

School fleece (optional and for outdoor wear only)

#### Year I to Year 6 Summer

As Winter or:

Green and white checked dress (optional and generic)

Grey shorts (generic)

White or black sandals with secure fastening (max heel height 3cm) **NO Trainers or CROCS** A cap to protect from the sun

\*No other items of clothing should be visible under the red polo shirt. If a child is cold they should wear a short sleeved vest and their sweatshirt on top,

No zip up tops/jackets should be worn. No hooded tops should be worn

#### **PE Kit RECEPTION**

Red shorts (generic)

Plain white T-shirt (generic or branded)

Outdoor kit of dark green jogging trousers and top (needed from October half term)

#### PE Kit YI to Y6

Red shorts (generic)

Plain white T-shirt (generic or branded)

Plain white trainers

Outdoor kit of dark green jogging trousers and top

#### **Concert Uniform** (for members of school choirs)

Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

Plain white shirt

School tie (branded from the uniform shop)

Children also need a red book bag (generic or branded with logo optional)

#### All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name

#### Jewellery

It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing. The only acceptable items of jewellery to be worn are a simple wristwatch (Smart watches or any type of phone watch or phones that have games or cameras on are not allowed) and earring studs or jewellery of a religious significance. Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn. Fitbits may be worn. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

#### Make Up

No make up is to be worn to school as it is not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. No nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.

Nail extensions, tips, gels or other products should not be worn. Nail extensions could be dangerous and are also not conducive to good handwriting or playing sport.

#### Hair

Long hair should be tied back during the school day for health and safety reasons.

#### Hijab/ Turban/Kippah/Skull Cap

The hijab may be worn by Muslim girls if this is their parents choice. The hijab must follow the school uniform colours and be red, green, white or black. It must be no longer than shoulder length. Turbans, Kippot and Skull caps may also be worn if this is the family choice but should also be in the school colours of red, green, white or black.

Branded uniform items are available from Braggs in North Finchley. Many of the school uniform items above are readily available from supermarkets.

We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

#### Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- The Head teacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise
- Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

#### Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising days.
- To name the school uniform
- To support their children to be responsible and take care of their school uniform.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the schools complaints procedure.

#### Role of staff at the school

- Staff have a responsibility to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community,
- Staff may ask children to remove outdoor coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc in a classroom
- Staff may ask children to remove sweatshirts etc in the summer when it is very hot and children will over heat in classrooms
- Staff may ask children to remove incorrect school uniform
- Staff may ask children to remove inappropriate jewellery this will be kept safe until the end of the school day and returned
- Staff may need to speak with children and parents about our uniform expectations

#### **Lost Property**

We ask that all parents ensure that school uniform is named so that if lost we can attempt to get it back to the right child. Any lost property that is found is placed in the lost property box which is in the playground so that parents and children can access it easily. The lost property box is emptied and sorted at the end of every half term. Named items are returned to children. Parents cannot come on to the school site in the mornings to look in the lost property box but can look in the lost property box at the end of the school day.

We would encourage parents to support their child to look after their belongings. The school will always do our best to look for lost items however the school is not responsible for lost items on the school site.

In terms of lost school uniform, the school cannot be held responsible for any lost property. The school cannot pay any kind of compensation for any item of clothing (including shoes, glasses, coats, lunch boxes, mobile phones etc) that goes missing.

### **Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Holly Park School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

#### Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

In the first instance of breach of the uniform policy the parent or child will be spoken to. If the breach continues, then a letter will be sent home as a reminder.

The Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher may discipline a pupil for breach of the Uniform/Appearance Policy. The Head Teacher or Deputy Head teacher may ask pupils to go home (accompanied by a parent) to change their clothes without formally excluding them. This should be for no longer than necessary to effect the change of clothing and would only be appropriate where the change could be made quickly and easily. When sending a pupil home, the Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher will first contact the parents or carers. The pupil would be expected to return to school immediately after his/her clothes had been changed. Failure to do so could amount to an unauthorised absence.

As an alternative to this, a supply of spare uniform may be available in school and children may be asked to change into this.

Exclusion is not normally an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform/appearance policies. However, where these breaches are persistent and in open defiance of the school's uniform or appearance policy, and where all other avenues for resolving the uniform dispute have been exhausted, then the school may consider exclusion as a last resort depending on the circumstances of the case.

#### **Document Control**

#### This policy will be reviewed every two years

#### **Revision History**

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# Signed by

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# **Distribution**

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- Staff via school server
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- Governors via committee meetings

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