



## Holley Park Academy School Uniform Policy

### **Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform 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 in our school brochure.

### **Aims and Objectives**

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 designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Jewellery and Makeup**

- Children are not allowed to wear ear-ring studs in pierced ears at any time during the school day.
- The only jewellery to be worn is a watch.
- Nail varnish and makeup in school is not acceptable for children.

### **Haircuts**

- The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.
- Haircuts are to be no less than a number 2 shave.
- No hair gel.
- No tram lines or carved patterns on head.
- No hair dye.

### **Footwear**

- The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We insist that children wear suitable footwear for school that protects young feet adequately.
- Trainers or gym shoes need to be worn for P.E sessions.

### **The Role of Parents**

We always advise parents and carers to label all outdoor clothing and not to send into school expensive fashion items as we cannot take responsibility for missing clothing. 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, with suitable footwear, and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If any parent or carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. 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 the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

### **The Role of Governors**

The Governing Body 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing and shoes that are hardwearing, safe and practical. These decisions have been made by the Governing Body; any parent who wishes to discuss further any of the above can contact Mr. David Haw, Chair of Governors at Oxclose Community Academy.

### **Monitoring and Review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy.
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Requiring the Head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.
- Seeking the views of pupils at their monthly School Council Meetings.
- School Council members wear a different colour sweatshirt so they can be easily identified by their peers.

At Holley Park Academy we have a 'wearable technology' policy. Children are not permitted to wear technology such as the 'Apple watch' and other wearable devices which can send and receive pictures, videos, texts and messages. If a child is found to have wearable technology then this will be treated in the same manner as using a mobile phone within school.