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CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# UNIFORM POLICY

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Copp Cares

*"Let us love, not in word, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)*

Talk to me and I will listen, show me and I will remember,  
Involve me and I will learn, encourage me and I will thrive.

*Copp, the village school, where everyone is special and where God will help us grow.*

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## **Rationale**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in specified school events outside normal school hours.

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children within the school;
- is not distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money;
- has been designed with health, safety and practicality in mind.

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery at Copp School. The exceptions to this rule are plain earring studs in pierced ears. As children need to be able to remove these for physical activities (including extra-curricular activities), we ask that children only get their ears pierced during the summer holidays and only when they are of an age to remove them without assistance, as staff are not permitted to take out earrings. Watches which are discreet and of a sensible size are also allowed. Fitbits are also allowed, as we feel that this promotes health and fitness.

## **Nail Varnish**

Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish in school. If a child comes to school with nail varnish on, they will be given nail varnish remover.

## **Hair**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or to wear hardening hair gel, as this has health and safety implications. Hair wear should be practical and in the school colours. Large bows, ribbons and other hair accessories (such as colourful hair braids) which the school deem unsuitable for uniform, will not be allowed.

Hard headbands must be removed for PE and hair should be tied back.

## **Footwear**

Copp School wants all our pupils to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear non-supportive shoes, shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers or boots to school, unless there is a medical reason. Trainers are appropriate for outside sports wear but plimsolls should be provided for all indoor PE.

## **Outdoor Wear**

We expect parents to provide their children with clothing appropriate to the weather. Coats should generally be brought to school, due to the inclement weather in this country. Gloves and warm headwear should be provided in the coldest months. Sunhats and sunscreen should be provided when warranted (please see Sun Policy).

All clothing should be named to avoid loss or unnecessary delay in finding the owner of mislaid items. Any unclaimed lost property will be sent to charity at the end of each half term.

## **Uniform Items**

### **Boys**

Tailored grey trousers/grey shorts  
White hard collared shirt  
School tie  
Copp School jumper/cardigan  
Grey or black socks  
Black school shoes

### **Girls**

Blue tartan/pinafore dress (blue and white striped/checked dress in summer)  
White hard collared shirt  
School tie  
Copp School jumper/cardigan  
Grey/white socks or grey/white tights  
Black school shoes

**NB. Boots or trainers are not allowed for daily use, except for medical reasons.**

## **Games and PE Kit**

Navy blue shorts  
White 'T' shirt  
Pumps (trainers may be used for outdoor athletics activities)  
Warm kit to be provided for outdoor activities in colder weather (jogging pants and sweat shirt)  
Football boots (to be bought when advised)  
Socks (see above - no tights to be worn for PE)  
Long hair should be tied back for PE

It is asked that P.E./games kit/swimming kit is brought to school in a sensible sized bag marked with child's name and class.

Large sports bags are unacceptable as cloakroom space is limited and all corridors double as fire exits.

## **Breaches of school uniform policy**

For minor breaches of school uniform policy:

- pupils may be asked to remove items eg jewellery, inappropriate hair wear;
- pupils will be given nail varnish remover to remove nail polish;
- children will be asked to wash off temporary tattoos.

For major breaches of school uniform policy, parents may be asked to collect their child from school until the breach has been addressed. This does not constitute an exclusion.

In the event that a parent feels that the school uniform policy breaches the requirement of the school to promote equality of race or religion, it would be appropriate to request that this is processed through consultation with the Governing Body.

Parents who withhold their child from school because of a disagreement about the school uniform policy, render themselves open to prosecution by the Local Authority because the absence will not be authorised by the school.

On occasion, there will be non-uniform days; parents will be notified of these and whether or not they apply to their child. If non-uniform does not apply to a particular child, or the child does not want to take part in a themed dress day, then the child should wear their uniform as normal. If this rule is not adhered to, children will be asked to change into a PE kit.

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy tacitly and through the home/school agreement. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

### **The role of governors**

The Governing Body supports the school in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

The Governing Body ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Monitoring and Review**

When monitoring this policy, the governing body will consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.