



## School Uniform Policy

### **Aims and Objectives**

Our school uniform policy is based on the notion that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, looks smart and is practical and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

### **Uniform Requirements**

The Sharlston Community School uniform is a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with the school logo on it, worn with a white or pale blue polo shirt and dark trousers, skirt or pinafore (navy blue or black). Shorts may be worn in the summer, or blue gingham/striped dresses. Sensible black shoes or short ankle boots should be worn at all times (for health and safety reasons school does not allow flip flops, backless sandals, knee boots or heeled footwear). For PE and sports the uniform is a plain white or navy blue T-shirt (available with a logo), blue/black shorts or a blue/black leotard. For outdoor PE sessions pupils may wear a plain blue or black tracksuit/outdoor sportswear and sensible trainers.

### **When is a uniform required?**

Children are required to wear the uniform to school at all times from Nursery to Year 6. All pupils must wear the uniform when representing the school at events off school property. Children are ambassadors for the school at all times, and never more so than when on school trips. The children should wear the uniform with pride, as it identifies them as pupils of Sharlston Community School. Finally, pupils should wear the PE uniform when they are representing Sharlston Community School at inter-school sporting events.

### **What about jewellery, hair make-up?**

Pupils with pierced ears may wear a single stud-earring or a pair of stud earrings to school. For safety reasons, children must not wear rings or any other jewellery other than a small, sensible watch to school. Smartwatches or fitness trackers are NOT permitted. It is recommended that long hair is kept tied back for health and safety reasons. It is a health and safety requirement that long hair **MUST** be tied back for swimming and PE. School recommends that pupils have natural, rather than bright hair colours and that extreme hairstyles are avoided. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

### **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to Sharlston Community School to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children correctly dressed and ready for work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

### **What if a pupil does not follow the uniform policy?**

The Headteacher will decide what is to be done if a pupil's appearance is judged to be inappropriate or unsafe. Parents will be reminded of the school's uniform policy by a letter or phone call when necessary. The Headteacher is responsible for enforcing the uniform policy and has the full support of the school's governors.

### **School Uniform Policy and the role of governors**

The governing body implements the school uniform policy. It works with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the responsibility of the governors 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 that is hard wearing, safe and practical.