



## School Uniform Policy

### 1. Introduction

It is Stead Lane Primary School's policy that all children of compulsory school age wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours. We also encourage children of nursery school age who attend our Early Years to wear school uniform too.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our Nursery and Class Booklets at the beginning of each year.

### 2. 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 regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents / carers.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

### 3. School Uniform

Our school uniform can be purchased directly from the School Office, online or at our local suppliers shop. Our uniform incorporates the Stead Lane Primary School logo. We regularly review our school uniform supplier to ensure value for money.

If parents / carers prefer, however, a plain alternative in the same colours may be obtained from outside stockists.

Our uniform is as follows:-

- Grey / Black trousers or shorts
- Grey / Black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- Blue and White gingham dress
- White/blue polo shirt

- Round neck Royal Blue sweatshirt
- Optional Royal Blue Fleece
- Plain Black Shoes/trainers

### **Year 5 and 6**

- White Shirt
- V-Neck Royal Blue Sweatshirt or Jumper
- School Tie
- Plain Black Shoes/trainers (shoe heels must be less than 1.5 inches)

### **3.1 PE Kit**

- White or Blue school t-shirt.
- Royal Blue Shorts.
- Plimsolls / trainers
- Pair of socks if tights are worn
- Hairband / clips to tie back long hair
- Jogging bottoms and fleece / hoodie for outdoor lessons
- PE kit should be in a draw string bag / back pack

Stocks of school polo shirts, PE t-shirts, PE shorts, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, rain jackets and coats, PE bags and book-bags are held in school. All these items have the Stead Lane Primary School logo on except the PE shorts.

Parents of children starting in Nursery or Reception will be given an opportunity to buy school uniform during their induction meetings.

## **4. Jewellery, Watches and Nail Varnish/Extentions**

- We do not allow children to wear jewellery in school on health and safety grounds. Children should not wear earrings to school.
- Children can wear simple analogue or digital watches to tell the time from Year 1, but are not allowed smart watches/fit bits that are able to receive any notifications (or access the internet) and should not have inbuilt cameras.
- Nail Varnish and/or Nail Extentions are not permitted.

## **5. Inappropriate Hairstyles**

The school does not permit children to have inappropriate hairstyles or haircuts that serve as a distraction to the child or to other children. This includes dyed or coloured hair. Long hair should be tied back.

## **6. Footwear**

It is the aim of Stead Lane Primary School that our children grow into healthy adults. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in Section 3 above.

We do not permit children to wear:

- Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height because we believe that these are dangerous.

## **7. Modifications to the School Uniform**

If any parent would like to modify the school uniform, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

As per our Equality and Diversity Policy, Stead Lane Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents / carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If parents / carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then a note should be sent to the class teacher explaining why this is the case and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

## **8. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **8.1 Parents / Carers**

We ask all parents / carers who send their children to Stead Lane Primary School to support the School Uniform Policy.

- Parents are expected to ensure that their child attends school wearing the correct uniform so that they can fully participate in all learning activities including during breaks and lunchtimes. Uniform should be clean and in good repair
- Parents should be assured that school will do all we can to reasonably help if a parent is experiencing financial difficulties. Parents are expected to communicate issues with uniform to the child's class teacher.
- We would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing school uniform.

### **8.2 Governors**

The Governing Body will:-

- Support the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy.
- Consider with the Headteacher, all representations from parents / carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform.
- Liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities.
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.
- Ensure that the view of parents / carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy.
- Require the Headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the implementation of the School Uniform Policy.

### **8.3 Staff**

- Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform and speak with parents when the policy is not followed without a valid reason.
- In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

## **9. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

At Stead Lane Primary School, we aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs.

We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.

## **10. Policy Review**

This Policy will be regularly reviewed by the Governing Body and updated in line with Stead Lane Primary School's Policy Schedule.

Signed: .....Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body

Dated: .....