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Uniform Policy Guidance – Boughton Heath Academy

The board of trustees at Cheshire Academies Trust have delegated the development, implementation and approval of School Uniform policies to local governing bodies.

It is for the governing board of a school to decide:

- rules about appearance
- whether there should be a school uniform policy and, if so, what that should be
- how the uniform should be sourced

In developing and implementing their school uniform policies, local governing bodies should engage with parents and carers and pupils and should consider the statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms including:

- Schools should ensure that their uniform is affordable
- In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.
- Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum.
- A school's uniform policy should be published on the school's website, be available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and be easily understood.
- Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).
- Single supplier contracts should be avoided unless regular tendering competitions are run where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract should be retendered at least every 5 years.
- Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective pupils and published on the school's website.

School Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

The board of trustees at Cheshire Academies Trust have delegated the development, implementation and approval of School Uniform policies to local governing bodies. This policy is designed to meet statutory guidance on school uniforms, ensuring that it is affordable, inclusive, and supports the school ethos. The policy has been developed in consultation with parents, pupils, and staff to ensure it reflects the needs of the school community. Our uniform is intended to promote a sense of belonging and equality while being practical for daily activities.

2. Aims

- To create a sense of identity and belonging among pupils.
- To ensure that the cost of school uniform is reasonable
- To ensure that the uniform policy is inclusive and does not discriminate on any grounds.
- To support pupils in being ready to learn and participate in school activities.

3. Compliance with Statutory Guidance

In line with the statutory guidance on school uniforms:

- The uniform policy is cost-effective, with options for purchasing items from various suppliers, including high street retailers.
- The policy considers the needs of all pupils, including those with disabilities or special educational needs.
- Parents are given adequate notice of any changes to the uniform policy, ensuring they have time to plan and purchase necessary items.
- No single supplier is mandated for purchasing uniforms, allowing parents the freedom to choose affordable options.

4. Uniform Requirements

At Boughton Heath Academy, uniform requirements are shown below. School branding is optional and is not expected by school.

Children should wear:

- Navy sweatshirt / cardigan and jade polo shirt,
- Blue or green school gingham dress,
- Navy blue / black / grey trousers, shorts or skirt,
- Navy blue / black / grey leggings,
- Black school shoes

For PE, children should wear:

- White t-shirt,
- Navy blue / black shorts
- Black trainers / plimsolls.

During winter months children are welcome to wear a navy blue / black fleece and navy blue / black long jogging bottoms for PE.

5. Religious and Cultural Considerations

The school recognizes the importance of religious and cultural practices. Reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate the wearing of religious attire, such as headscarves or turbans.

6. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains compliant with statutory guidance and continues to meet the needs of the school community. Any proposed changes will be subject to consultation with parents, pupils, and staff.

7. Communication

This policy is communicated to all parents, pupils, and staff through the school website and newsletters. A copy of the policy is available on request from the school office