Padstow School
Uniform Policy
Date formally accepted by directors:
Date becomes effective: September 2017
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Person responsible for implementation: Head of School

School Uniform and Appearance Policy
Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity, which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

At Padstow School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

All children should wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school.

Our School Uniform
Winter uniform consists of:

- Maroon school jumper / school cardigan / school sweatshirt
- Plain light blue or white polo shirt
- Dark grey trousers or shorts. Please note that leggings should ***not*** be worn instead of trousers
- Dark grey skirt or pinafore
- Plain black/grey tights or black/grey/white socks

Summer uniform as winter or:
- Blue checked summer dress
- Black/grey/white socks

All uniform, including PE, is available from Vivienne's in Wadebridge.

Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts embroidered with the school name can be ordered directly from www.wovina.com.

For those without access to the internet, order forms are available from the school office.

Footwear
- Flat, smart black shoes or smart black trainers with no markings or other colours.

School shoes should be suitable for both indoors and active play outdoors.

Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.

Boots: Boots can be worn into school during inclement weather but must then be changed for shoes. School shoes should be practical for both indoors and outdoors.
All items of footwear should be identified with the child's name.

Parents and carers are reminded that children often sit cross legged in school, therefore skirts should be chosen to ensure children can do this comfortably and without embarrassment.

All items of uniform clothing must be identified with the child's name.

Outdoor clothing:

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather.
All coats should be identified with the child's name.

P.E. and Games Kit:
P.E. Kit consists of:

- Blue polo shirt – available in the correct colour from Wovina
- Black shorts
- Optional **plain** black hoody and **plain** tracksuit bottoms
- Plimsolls for indoor activities
- Trainers for outside activities

Children need to have their P.E. kit in school every day. If they do not have the correct P.E. kit in school, they will not be able to participate in the lesson. A letter will be sent home to parents to inform them of this. Teachers will keep a log of children who are without the correct kit and, it may be that parents will be invited in to discuss the lack of kit.

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls should be worn, or bare feet for gymnastics only. PE uniform may vary depending on the age of the children, the type of P.E. (i.e. Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Athletics) and where the lesson takes place, for example on the school field, in the playground or in the Hall.

Footwear and clothing should reflect the level of activity: for example, Year 6 would need the full kit, whereas Reception Class children may just need plimsolls as the lessons are often shorter.

Bags and belongings

All children are given a book bag for carrying their reading books, pencils and belongings. These are initially given to children free of charge, however replacements can be bought from the school office.

All bags / reading folders must be identified with the child's name.

Fashion Items / Other

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. This includes earrings, however, if ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E. If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed or covered up during physical activity.

Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion, fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel, jewellery other than stud earrings and watches, should not be worn. Sunhats must be worn outside during sunny weather.

Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly. This is not only for reasons of smartness, and health and safety, but also to prevent the spread of head lice.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The Head of School may invite parents in to discuss the reason for their child not wearing the school uniform.

Lost Uniform

Padstow School cannot be responsible for lost uniform. For this reason, it is crucial that clothing is clearly labelled so it can be returned to the owner rather than becoming 'lost property'. Any lost property will be stored in a container in the office, children are welcome to check through this during the school day, and parents after school at the discretion of the office. Any lost property unclaimed by the end of each half term will be disposed of.