



## Dress Code

### Background

Consultation with the whole school community (parents, children, staff and governors) between autumn 2006 and summer 2008 revealed a strong preference for the introduction of a school dress code. As a result Governors agreed, by voting, that a voluntary school dress code will be introduced in January 2009.

### Dress Code

Clothes should be comfortable and appropriate for the weather including a hat and sun cream in the summer, a water resistant coat during wet weather, and warm outdoor clothing in the winter. The following clothes fall within our dress code:

- Plain sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan in red or bottle green
- Plain polo shirt in red, bottle green or white
- Plain dark trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress in navy, black or dark grey
- Check dresses in red/white or green/white

Parents have the option of purchasing tops embroidered with the school logo through the school office or purchasing appropriately coloured items from other suppliers (e.g. major supermarkets and chain stores). The Home School Association (HSA) will arrange for second hand items to be available for parents and carers to purchase, if they wish.

The following items fall outside of the dress code and we request that parents avoid them:

- tops, trousers and skirts of colours other than those listed above
- jeans, combat trousers and sports wear with logos

*Please note other items are listed as not acceptable in the section headed Health & Safety.*

### Religious Dress

In line with the school's Equality Policy, scarves and hats can be worn indoors for religious reasons. Where ever possible these items should be in one of the dress code colours. Please consult with the School and Governing Body if you have any questions.

## **Clothing for PE**

Children in the Foundation Stage do not currently require a PE kit. In Year 1 and 2 parents and carers are asked to provide a PE bag containing shorts or jogging bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt and plimsolls or trainers. Eco-friendly PE bags bearing the school logo and a name label are available to purchase from the HSA and the school office.

## **Health & Safety**

### **Clothing & Footwear**

If children attend school in clothing or shoes not covered in the dress code and which the staff team consider to be inappropriate for health and safety reasons this will be communicated to parents and carers by the head teacher. Such items include strappy or backless tops that allow over exposure of delicate skin to the sun or very short tops and shorts.

Children should wear safe, comfortable footwear, appropriate for the season. The following styles of footwear are not acceptable:

- high heels and high platform shoes
- flip flops, shoes without backs, slip-on shoes eg ballet shoes and Crocs
- fashion boots or shoes that do not facilitate active play.

If children come to school in Wellington boots please provide a change of shoes to wear indoors.

### **Jewellery**

It is the policy of Hunter's Bar Infant School that jewellery should not be worn at school.

## **Labelling of Clothes**

Please clearly label all of your child's clothes and shoes. Laundry pens are available for purchase at the school office. It is much easier to identify your child's clothes if they are labelled. Lost property items are left in a box in the school entrance and are displayed for parents termly.

## **Introduction of the code**

The dress code will come into effect from January 2009.

Governors will review the practical details of the dress code on a regular basis and it will be subject to formal review in the summer term of 2012.