# Crich Carr Church of England Primary School



Date Minute No.

**Approved by Governors** 

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

## Our school is:

a safe, supportive stimulating learning environment; a team of respectful, tolerant, open minded citizens; a community where everyone aspires to be the very best they can be; a community of resilient lifelong learners.

## **PURPOSE:**

This policy sets out the expectations for school uniform at Crich Carr CofE, and how we ensure that it is inclusive and accessible for all pupils.

# **INTRODUCTION:**

At Crich Carr CofE Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well-presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children from Three-Year-Old Nursery upwards wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events.

The school has a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, and is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

# **COST AND EQUALITY:**

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. We aim to ensure that uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils.

The school offers branded options for key items of uniform, but these are optional, and can be purchased online from Loop School Wear; Website: www.loopwear.co.uk . All items of uniform can be purchased from high street retailers or supermarkets to give parents choice of where to obtain items. The school will not amend uniform requirements regularly and will take the views of parents and pupils into account when considering any further changes to school uniforms.

The school takes its legal obligation to avoid discriminating against any protected characteristic unlawfully very seriously, and aims to ensure that the uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all pupils are supported to access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs, and reflects who they are.

The school implements a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that pupils are not required to wear specific items based on their gender, and may wear any of the uniform items listed in the 'School uniform' section of this policy.

The school ensures that pupils who are required to follow certain dress requirements, e.g. for religious or cultural reasons, are afforded flexibility to allow them to wear a uniform that adheres to their requirements as far as possible.

The school endeavours to meet all requests for amendments to the uniform for these purposes; however, will ensure that the needs and rights of individual pupils are weighed against any health and safety concerns for the entire school community.

Parents' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Head Teacher and governing board, and always in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

The school ensures that the needs of pupils with SEND and / or sensory difficulties are considered in the uniform policy, however, where the needs of these pupils cannot be met in the standard uniform policy, individual adaptations to the uniform will be considered and permitted where appropriate.

# **OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING**

We ask that children bring in a pair of named wellies which will be stored in school. The school will keep a "wellie library" to ensure that any child who does not have a pair of wellies can be provided with a pair. Children will also need suitable, waterproof outdoor coat and trousers to enable them to go out to play. They should also wear comfortable clothes such as joggers and sweatshirts for Forest Schools. Children can either come into school in their appropriate forest school clothing or get changed in school.

## **JEWELLRY**

The wearing of jewellery is not allowed, with the exception of a single pair of stud earrings, and a watch (non-internet enabled and no cameras). Earrings must be removed for PE, so it is recommended that if you wish to have your child's ears pierced it is done at the beginning of the six-week holiday to allow time for them to heal.

# **HAIRSTYLES**

The school reserves the right to make a judgement on where pupils' hairstyles are inappropriate for the school environment; however, will ensure that any such judgements do not discriminate against any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics. Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons.

# **ADVERSE WEATHER**

All pupils are required to wear weather-appropriate clothing that covers as much of their skin as possible during adverse weather.

For hot temperatures, this includes wearing:

- Loose-fitting and lightweight shirts and dresses.
- Over the knee skirts, shorts or trousers.
- Sunhats
- Sunglasses with UV protection when outside, where possible. Pupils are advised not to wear any jumpers or blazers during heatwaves.

For cold temperatures, this includes wearing:

- Scarfs, gloves, coats and hats when they are outside.
- Warm jumpers that conform to the school's uniform policy.

Trousers, or thick tights with skirts.

# **LABELLING & LOST PROPERTY**

All pupils' clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with their name. Any lost clothing is be taken to the lost property box at the school office. All lost property is retained until the end of the half term and is disposed of if it is not collected within this time.

# **UNIFORM:**

Throughout the school year our school uniform consists of:

Red sweatshirt or cardigan

White or navy polo shirt

Grey or black skirt or trousers

Black school shoes or trainers