

# Kingsway Primary School Uniform Policy



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There are likely to be further updates to this policy are expected as a result of Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

# 1. About this policy

- 1.1 This policy is linked to Department for Education Guidance 'School uniforms: Guidance for Schools' April 2024 and Department for Education Guidance 'Cost of school uniforms' November 2021.
- 1.2 The guidance states that 'it is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so, what that should be.'
- 1.3 'It is also for the governing body to decide how the uniform should be sourced'.
- 1.4 Kingsway Primary School share its views with The Department in that a uniform is important 'as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone'.
- 1.5 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
  - Promotes a sense of pride in our school
  - Engenders a sense of belonging towards the school
  - Is practical and smart and designed with health and safety in mind
  - Identifies the children with the school
  - Promotes equality between children and their peers
  - Promotes fundamental life skills regarding presentation and being part of an organisation

# What is Kingsway Primary's School Uniform?

- 1.6 Details of Kingsway's school uniform and P.E kit for each year group is set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.7 All pupils should wear plain black waterproof shoes with either Velcro or shoelaces. Whilst Velcro shoes are preferred in F2, Y1 & Y2, families are strongly encouraged to ensure that their children master the important skill of tying their shoes. Plain black trainers with no visible branding are also acceptable. Shoes of other colours, boots, canvas shoes, pumps or any other form of impractical footwear is not permitted. If a pupil comes into school wearing such footwear, parents or carers will be contacted to bring in appropriate shoes.

### 2. Jewellery

- 2.1 For health and safety reasons, children can only wear small stud earrings. We will ask children to remove these items during P.E or other physical activities. If studs cannot be removed by the child, parents should do this at the start of the school day or cover their studs with plasters/medical tape on their PE day.
- 2.2 The only exception to this is small objects of religious or medical significance. We will ask children to remove these items during P.E or other physical activities.
- 2.3 Any pupil who wishes to have their ears pierced should do so during the summer holidays when they have adequate healing time; ear piercing should not be done during term time.

### 3. Extreme Haircuts and children with long hair

- 3.1 Any pupil at Kingsway Primary with long hair is required to have it tied back for health and safety reasons.
- 3.2 Any hair length that is long enough to be tied back, should be tied back with a small, simple bobble and/or head band. Any child wearing large or overly decorative headbands or accessories will be asked to remove them. An alternative bobble will be provided.
- 3.3 Any child with their hair down will be asked to tie it back and a clean bobble will be provided.

# 4. Make-up and temporary tattoos

4.1 Make-up is not permitted in school; this includes nail varnish and temporary tattoos. If a child comes into school wearing make-up, nail varnish, false nails or body art, their parent or carer will be contacted to come and remove it.

4.2 Pupils may be permitted to wear face paint during special occasions. These may include charity events such as Comic Relief or special curriculum initiatives such as World Book Day.

## **Religious Garments**

- 4.3 Kingsway Primary School acknowledges that 'some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief.' (School Uniform, April 2024).
- 4.4 This includes 'wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly or covering their head'. (School Uniform, April 2024)
- 4.5 Kingsway Primary is an inclusive environment and acknowledges that 'pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner' (School Uniform, April 2024).
- 4.6 Kingsway Primary respects the right of an individual to express their religious or cultural beliefs.

#### 5. The Role of the Parents and Carers

- 5.1 Kingsway Primary acknowledges that should a parent or carer choose to send their child to our school, then they in turn have a responsibility to ensure their child adheres to our school's uniform policy.
- 5.2 All pupils should be correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork, including P.E.
- 5.3 Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it is clean, in good condition and fits correctly.
- 5.4 Parents and carers should be aware that they can contact school for support with uniform items should they need to.

#### 6. Affordability

- 6.1 Kingsway Primary School acknowledges that at times, providing children with new uniform can be financially difficult. The school always aims to support parents and carers if providing their child with a new uniform is not always possible.
- 6.2 Our uniform policy has been created with affordability in mind and we are confident that our uniform is affordable and easy to source. If a family is having financial difficulty and/or they are experiencing exceptional circumstances, then parents and carers can notify the school who may be able to offer support.
- 6.3 Kingsway Primary School offers parents a range of pre-loved uniforms items through the school office. Parents are signposted to Wirral Fuss, with information shared on Class Dojo.
- 6.4 Having the school logo on uniform is optional. However, if families would like to purchase school uniform with the school logo, this is available from several stockists, including:
  - School Trends- https://www.schooltrends.co.uk
  - The Uniform Shop, Manor Road, Wallasey
  - The Uniform Shop, Birkenhead
  - Argyle Sports, Kings Street, Wallasey

# Appendix 1 – Details of Kingsway Uniform and P.E Kit

#### **Kingsway Primary School Uniform List**

- White polo shirt (school logo is optional)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo is optional)
- Charcoal grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Black waterproof shoes or plain black trainers (velcro fasteners are preferred for younger children)
- Black, navy, or grey tights
- Black, navy, grey or white socks

#### **Summer variation**

- Blue gingham summer dress (children in F2 and Y1 are advised to avoid 'playsuit' style summer dresses)
- Charcoal grey short trousers

## Hair Accessories (all children)

• Small, simple bobble and/or headband

#### Indoor PE Kit (all children)

- Plain white round neck t-shirt (school logo is optional)
- Plain black shorts
- Suitable trainers or PE pumps for sport

#### Outdoor PE Kit (all children)

- Plain white round neck t-shirt (logo optional)
- Plain black or royal blue zipped hooded top or their usual school jumper or cardigan.
- Plain black jogging bottoms
- Suitable trainers for school sport (these can be your child's usual trainers, there is no expectation for parents to buy an additional pair of trainers for school sport)

### Kingsway Nursery & F1 School Uniform List

- White polo shirt (school logo is optional)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo is optional)
- Charcoal grey jogging bottoms, trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Black waterproof shoes or plain black trainers with no visible branding
- Black, navy, or grey tights
- Black, navy, grey or white socks

