



## School Uniform Policy

This policy applies to all pupils of Abbot's Hill, including EYFS pupils from the time they move into Stepping Up.

### 1. Introduction

1.1 At Abbot's Hill School all pupils are required to wear school uniform when attending school, and when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform.

### 2. Aims and objectives

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the pupils with the school;
- prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

### 3. Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds, we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain gold or silver earring studs in pierced ears for girls, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the pupils to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. For Health and Safety reasons, children in EYFS (Nursery and Reception) may not wear a necklace.

### 4. Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit pupils to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other pupils, or to dye their hair.

### 5. Footwear

5.1 The school wants all pupils to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow pupils to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow pupils to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all pupils to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

### 6. The role of parents

6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and named.

6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headmistress. The school welcomes pupils from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

**Signed**

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