

## **STANHOPE BARRINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **UNIFORM POLICY 2026-2027**

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Policy Agreed Academy Council

7<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Review Date by Academy Council

October 2026

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#### **1.VISION STATEMENT:**

A place where our children, adults and community can grow and thrive rooted in Kindness, Fellowship and Confidence.

#### **2.INTRODUCTION:**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours – unless stipulated.

Children attending our 2 Year Old Nursery (Pearl Learning Zone) and our 3-5 Year Old Nursery (Opal Learning Zone) are not required to wear a uniform but most of our children do wear them.

#### **3.OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Our School Uniform consists of:

- Navy blue sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or hoodie (with or without school logo)
- White or pale blue polo shirt/shirt or blouse (with or without school logo)
- Grey, navy blue or black trousers/skirt/pinafore or shorts
- Light blue or navy blue and white gingham school dress
- Black shoes
- Plimsolls or trainers (for indoor use)
- A school bag or backpack

Our PE Kit consists of:

- White or pale blue round neck t-shirt
- Navy, grey or black shorts, leggings or joggers (not branded)
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Socks

#### 4.AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our Uniform Policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is smart and practical
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing may be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, hard wearing and value for money
- Has been designed with the safety of the children in mind

#### 5. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

With safety and safeguarding as a priority please ensure your child does not wear the following items as they are not safe when playing on the yard or taking part in educational activities:

- Strappy sandals, high heels or open toed sandals which do not support the foot when running, jumping etc
- Crocs and flip flops are not safe on the playground
- Wheelies are not permitted in school as they damage the floor

#### 6. JEWELLERY

Again, the wearing of jewellery is a safety issue in schools and as such children should not wear:

- Ear-rings larger than studs (Studs must be removed for PE)
- Any bracelets or necklaces which are long and loopy and could get caught either by another child or on a piece of equipment
- Smartwatches are not allowed in school as they are distracting and should be treated in the same way as mobile phones (only children in Year 5&6 can bring a phone into school and this must be handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day)

## 7.EXTREME HAIRCUTS

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colours that could serve as a distraction to others.

## 8.FOOTWEAR

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults and we actively encourage outdoor physical exercise and activity. It is not safe for children to run around the yard or field wearing platform soles or high heels. Similarly, accidents do occur when children are running around and playing whilst wearing crocs, sandals and other flimsy footwear. Please ensure your child's footwear is sensible, suitable and safe.

Please also ensure your child is wearing sensible footwear for the weather conditions. If your child wears wellies to come to school in adverse weather please ensure they have sensible shoes/boots to wear indoors for the rest of the day.

If you would like to keep a pair of indoor shoes at school this is fine and they will be returned at the end of each term for you to check their wear and size.

## 9. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

We endeavour to ensure that our school uniform is value for money and does not put too much financial pressure on parents/carers. We offer a Pre-loved selection of uniform including shoes and coats from the clothing rail in the main entrance of the school. This is sometimes put outside for parents/carers to help themselves.

This is a fantastic way to reduce the cost of the school uniform and also to protect our environment – thank you for using our Preloved range.

We do not want parents to feel under pressure to buy the latest designer labels and therefore these are not allowed in school.

## 10.SCHOOL UNIFORM PROVIDERS

Our uniform containing the school logo is available from Goodies or Etika using the order forms available on the school website: go to the drop down menu Parents and select School Uniform. The order forms should be submitted to the school office. We have a number of points throughout the year when order forms will be requested so that we can place bulk orders.

Etika are an environmentally aware company who produce school uniforms from sustainable sources.

We also offer a Pre-loved range which is available at the main entrance of the school. If you require a size or item not on display please contact the school office as we may have what you are looking for in storage.

We welcome donations/recycling of any school uniform in good condition.

If you do not wish to order a piece of uniform with the school logo on it then most uniform items are available at a wide range of supermarkets and other stores.

## **10.ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/CARERS**

We ask all parents/carers to support the school Uniform Policy. We believe that parents/carers have a responsibility to send their child to school correctly dressed and ready to access learning safely. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it fits, is clean and is in good repair.

Our school welcomes children from all backgrounds and from all faiths and none. If there are serious reasons e.g. religious or medical reasons why a parent/carer wants their child to wear clothes which differ from our school uniform, please discuss this with the Head Teacher who will look supportively at the request.

Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with additional needs or disabilities, then parents/carers should discuss this with the Head Teacher in the full knowledge that the school will not treat their request unfavourably.

## **11.ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL STAFF**

All adults working in school have a duty of care to ensure that all of our children are dressed appropriately and safely.

If this is not the case, the matter will be discussed with the parent/carer so that the situation can be rectified. If for example a child only has sandals for outdoor play or ballet pumps for a PE lesson, it may be necessary to withdraw the child from those activities until the situation is resolved.

## **12. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACADEMY COUNCIL**

The Academy Council supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school Uniform Policy. The Academy Council liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that this policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the responsibility of the Academy Council to ensure that the school uniform meets all of the national regulations concerning equal opportunities, equity and diversity.

It is the responsibility of the Academy Council to ensure that the Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing which is appropriate, hard-wearing, value for money, safe and practical.

### 13. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Head Teacher and approved by the Academy Council in the Summer Term in anticipation for the following academic year so that parents/carers have sufficient notice of any changes for the next academic year.

Last Reviewed: September 2026

Next Review: September 2027