# CALLANDS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Uniform Policy November 2024** 

This policy applies to ALL pupils attending Callands Community Primary School

## About this policy

This policy has been created following a consultation period with parents.

# **Dress Code and Uniform**

Our uniform creates our school identity and establishes a sense of pride amongst the children. Uniform sends a strong message about standards and self-worth. Admission to our school implies acceptance of the uniform policy. Uniform does not discriminate and ensures all learners have equal opportunities and shared expectations, regardless of background. It promotes the ethos of our school, provides a sense of belonging and identity and sets an appropriate tone for education.

Buying a school uniform is a major expense and for this reason the uniform has been carefully chosen and priced so that, whilst it is distinctive from those of neighbouring schools, it is also easily obtainable and keenly priced.

It is expected that all children will come to the school every day in full, neat, clean uniform, giving the message that our children take pride in belonging to our school. The support of parents in ensuring this is expected. Staff are required to ensure these standards from children at all times.

## Jewellery, Headwear & accessories

Children are discouraged from wearing jewellery (unless for religious reasons such as a Kara or Salvation Bracelet) at school as removal for PE can be difficult and items can go missing.

Should a child have recently pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn. In order to comply with Health and Safety Regulations, they must be removed during all PE activities. Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves. It would therefore be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days. Children are responsible for their own earrings if they are taken out at school.

Fashion headbands (such as those with ears, horns or over-sized detail) are not appropriate for school. Hair accessories worn for a purpose, should be discrete.

Watches may be worn but Smart watches are not permitted.

#### **Personal Appearance**

#### Hair

Hair must be worn in an appropriate conventional style. Hair styles must be such that they can easily be kept neat and do not prevent students from participating effectively and safely in all school activities. Heads must not be shaved below a number two, nor should there be any style which the school believes would undermine the ethos or discipline of the school (i.e. markings or lines cut into the hair or eyebrows, Mohicans etc). The dying, high or low lighting of hair in natural colours is acceptable – other colours are not permitted.

Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up.

#### Make up and nail varnish

Make up and nail varnish must not be worn in school.

#### **Tattoos**

Temporary tattoos should not be visible during term time.

The school retains the right to act as the final authority in the interpretation of the dress code. If unsure, parents and children are advised to contact a senior member of staff for clarification before purchasing an item.

## Limiting the cost of uniform

Callands Community Primary School has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory <u>guidance</u> from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. It is acknowledged that at times, providing children with a new uniform can be financially difficult. The school will aim to support parents and carers if providing their child with a new uniform is not possible.

#### **Uniform checklist**

Please note, items of uniform that MUST have the school logo on can either be purchased direct from the school uniform providers or parents can simply purchase their own uniform from high street retailers and take it to the uniform providers to have the logo embroidered on.

- Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo
- White polo shirt with or without school logo. Polo shirts must be tucked in.
- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/ shorts
- Flat, black sensible school shoes (not trainer like)
- Plain white or plain grey socks or tights
- Warm waterproof coat (available with school logo)
- Wellingtons (for Reception & Y1 children only and kept in school)
- Summer Term (and first half of Autumn Term if desired): Navy blue and white gingham dress/playsuits.

Please note, school fleeces, hats and caps are also available from our uniform supplier but CANNOT be worn indoors.

# **PE Uniform**

- White tee shirt (school logo optional, no sports logos)
- Navy blue shorts or navy blue leggings
- Navy tracksuit (school logo optional, no sports logos)
- Trainers

## **School Bags**

It is expected that all children have a **NAVY** book bag. Backpacks/ rucksacks or any other bags are not permitted due to the limited space available in school to store these and the fact that most children only need to bring their book, reading record and homework to school and so do not require a large bag. (Exceptions will be made for children with additional needs such as medical equipment and a small number of children who travel to school on their bicycle— a small backpack/rucksack, containing lunch and a book only, may be brought to school when commuting on bicycle.)

#### Equipment

Pencil cases are also not permitted or needed in school. All equipment is provided and stored by school.

## **Water Bottles**

Only transparent water bottles can be used in class throughout the day. A school water bottle can be purchased for £1.70 from the school office.

## **Uniform Providers**

The school uses three uniform providers, forcing competitive pricing; SG Schoolwear

Scholwear | Sg Schoolwear, Workwear, Sportswear (sg-embroidery.co.uk)

TouchlineUK

Touchline UK - Homepage (touchline-embroidery.com)

Alpha

https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/callands-cp-school/

The Governing Body has ensured there is more than one uniform provider as a means of ensuring best value for parents whilst ensuring common identity to avoid social pressures to dress in a particular way. It also permits uniform purchased from high street retailers provided some items have the school logo attached.

#### **Provision of Second Hand Uniform**

Second hand uniform is available through the PTA (FOCS) website <u>Friends of Callands School (ptaevents.co.uk)</u>. Items start from as little as £2.50. Warrington School Uniform Network within the Golden Square also offers second hand uniform.

#### Governors

The Governors will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Offer a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils
- The school does not make a profit from uniform

Governors will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money by avoiding single supplier contracts and re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.