

# Uniform Policy

At Preston Hedges Primary School, we strive to ensure that every child has a sense of belonging in being a member of our school. We believe that wearing school uniform enables pupils to develop this unity and take pride in being part of Preston Hedges.

As a school, we will ensure that the Preston Hedges uniform is practical and conducive to learning, enabling every child to feel comfortable at school. Furthermore, it is important to us that uniform is affordable for all families and provides good value for money, so we have kept to a minimum the branded elements of the required uniform.

To ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the uniform requirements, this policy has been written as a supportive document for all, so that expectations are clear and adhered to. From Reception to Year Two, pupils are required to wear the following uniform:

## Required Boys Uniform

Grey trousers White polo shirts Blue jumper with Preston Hedges logo Black shoes Grey, white or black socks

Please note that in summer months, boys are able to wear grey shorts

## **Required Girls Uniform**

Grey skirt or pinafore dress White polo shirt Blue cardigan or jumper with Preston Hedges logo Black shoes Grey trousers, culottes and tailored grey shorts are acceptable, (leggings are not permitted). Plain grey tights, white or grey socks

Please note that in the summer months, girls may choose to wear a blue and white gingham summer dress.

A Preston Hedges book bag can also be purchased for books, learning resources and letters. This is optional. Children will need to bring a book bag to school with them everyday.

Preston Hedges waterproof jackets are also available for pupils; these are also an optional element to

the uniform.

## Key Stage Two - Years Three - Six

In addition to the uniform outlined above, our older children are required to wear a blue and gold stripe tie and white shirt.

#### Branded Items

The ties and uniform items with the Preston Hedges logo are available only from one specific retailer: Stevensons, Abington Street, Northampton: https://www.stevensons.co.uk/our-branches/northampton

#### Non-Branded Items

Uniform items that do not have a school logo can be purchased from any high street retailer.

The school PTA, The Friends of Preston Hedges also run a <u>2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop</u> where various items can be purchased. They can be contacted via email and Facebook: <u>friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com</u>

#### P.E Uniform

Boys and Girls

Royal blue shorts Blue polo top with the Preston Hedges logo Black plimsolls / trainers Our pupils participate in sport throughout the year, therefore in the colder months jogging bottoms and a zip style fleece jacket/jumper are recommended and should be navyblue and a plain design.

## **Uniform Requirements**

To ensure pupils are comfortable wearing their uniform and to ensure consistency across the school, parents and carers are asked to adhere to the following when purchasing uniform.

- Shoes should be purchased that are suitable and provide adequate support. They also need to be black leather in the winter and parents are advised that trainers are not acceptable for school shoes. This includes black trainers with sport logos on the side. Please note, that due to health and safety reasons, shoes should always be fitted and must have straps or laces. Ballet pumps are not permitted, to ensure safety at play times.
- Girls are able to wear trousers; however leggings are not acceptable as part of our uniform policy.

#### Jewellery and Accessories

• Due to Health and Safety regulations, jewellery should not be worn to school apart from small studded earrings and watches. Children will only be permitted to wear other particular

items of jewellery for religious reasons. However, in this situation, the parent / carer should make the school aware of this to avoid any confusion.

- If a parent / carer chooses to allow their child to have their ears pierced, they must ensure that the pupil is able to take the earrings out independently for P.E. If this is not possible, the parent/carer should liaise with the class teacher to ascertain the child's P.E days and refrain from sending them to school with their earrings in on these days. Children will be unable to participate in PE if their earrings have not been removed.
- Headscarves and head wear are able to be worn if it is for religious observance.
- For safety reasons, long hair must be up for PE lessons.

## Care of Uniform

Families are requested to label all items clearly to ensure that uniform is returned to it's rightful owner.

The school has a lost property area which is cleared at the end of each half term. Please go to the school office if you need to look for an item.

# <u>Role of Staff</u>

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- Remind children to wear the correct school uniform as outlined in this policy. In instances where a child is not wearing the correct uniform, the class teacher will gently remind the pupil's parents / carers. In instances where it is a regular occurrence, the teacher will speak to the Principal.
- During the school day, teachers will remind pupils of the school's expectations, for example by reminding them to tuck their shirts in following playtime or remove jumpers from their waist.

# Role of Senior Leaders

The Senior leaders of the school will follow the guidelines as listed above. In addition they will also communicate with parents when a member of staff raises a concern. They will update the policy regularly and in light of discussions from all stakeholders.

# Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.
- At Preston Hedges Primary School, we firmly believe that all children should have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender,

disability or ability. With this in mind, we ensure that the set uniform respects other relevant policies adopted by the Trust.

If you every have any concerns or issues regarding the school uniform, please contact the Principal.