



*For every child to reach their potential and live life in all its fullness. (John 10:10)*

**Policy Name:** Pupil Dress Code Policy

**Policy Written:** September 2019

**Policy Renewed:**

<b>September 2020</b>	Addition of PE hoodie and plain black leggings to PE Section. Addition of Impact paragraph. Addition of contact via dojo than just a phone call home.
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**Next Review Date:** September 2021

**Intent:**

The intent of this policy is to set out the expectations of the school for children with regard to pupil dress code. This is because, at Hindsford, we believe that wearing a school uniform helps to:

- Promote a sense of pride in our school.
- Create a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Identify the children within the school.
- Support our commitment to inclusion.
- Prevent children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class.
- Ensure safety as the agreed uniform is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.
- Keep costs down as the agreed uniform should be within an affordable price range.

**Implementation:**

All children must wear full school uniform each day apart from on the day that they participate in PE.

The pupil dress code at Hindsford consists of:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with the school crest on.
- Navy blue polo shirt, preferably with the school crest on.  
(If a plain polo shirt, jumper or cardigan, is worn this must be the same colour as the polo shirts and jumpers)
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (No shorter than 1 inch above the knee). Grey shorts can be worn in Summer.
- Black school shoes (No heels above 1 inch and without any logos).
- Socks must be grey, black or white, tights must be grey or black (No Patterns).
- No large bags (School bags need to fit into the child's locker with their coats).
- Blue gingham dress (This can be worn in Summer).

All children must come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. days. This consists of:

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms, plain black shorts or plain black leggings (ankle length).
- Navy blue polo shirt, preferably with the school crest on.
- School sweatshirt, cardigan or hoody with the school crest on. (The hoody must only be worn on the PE Day)
- Black pumps or trainers (preferably plain black or white).

Children must refrain from wearing make-up, nail varnish and any forms of jewellery other than plain stud earrings. (All studs must be removed for swimming and P.E. The school cannot remove these so this must be done at home or by the child in school or plasters will be placed over the earrings)

All long hair must be tied back.

Hair accessories should be minimal and in the school colours.

There should be no extreme hairstyles or bright dyed coloured hair.

We also ask the children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers. This is all part of the children taking pride in their personal appearance.

Uniform can be purchased from a number of different local uniform stores with many items being able to be purchased from a supermarket or clothes shop.

### **The Role of Parents**

We believe it is the responsibility of the child's parent/carer to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit. Also, that this is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

If a parent/carer is having difficulty for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff. Parents/carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

### **School Procedure**

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new stock for that day or their parent/carer will be called/sent a message on dojo to discuss the reason why their child is not in the correct uniform and to try and find a solution to this.

A note will also be placed in the child's planner.

The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit.

If however a pupil continues to attend school in the in-correct uniform a meeting with the school's pastoral manager will be arranged to try and resolve this matter. Failure to do this may result in a meeting with either the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

### **Equality**

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons on religious grounds why parents require their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests and discuss this with them and be as supportive as possible. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

### **Impact:**

The impact of this policy is that the children of Hindsford look smart and take pride in their appearance and the school that they attend. Also, that the children feel part of a community and feel content in belonging to the Hindsford family. Parent/carers will be clear on the expectations of the school with regard to pupil dress code and as a result, will adhere to this.