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FEDERATION OF PENNY ACRES AND WIGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

School Uniform Policy

At our school we are committed to the highest standards of uniform and appearance from all members of our community. We believe smart uniform and appearance are very important; providing our pupils with a corporate identity, encouraging pride in appearance, allowing for positive community recognition and developing good habits for life after school. It also reflects the highest standards and expectations we set throughout the school. All staff are asked to ensure pupil uniform and appearance are monitored and we ask parents/carers to support and enforce our uniform and appearance code. The vast majority of our pupils wear the correct uniform and have impeccable appearance around school.

All items of school uniform and P.E. kit to be clearly named.

Penny Acres Primary School uniform is as follows:

Girls

- Red or white polo shirt
- Red sweater, sweat-shirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers, culottes, skirts, shorts, pinafores
- Red gingham dress optional for summer
- Smart school shoes/boots (black) - sensible, no high heels, "Doc Martin" style heavy boots etc
- Tights (red/white/grey)
- Socks (red/white/grey). White socks may have red ribbons, frills etc.

Jewellery

Earrings – plain studs (gold or silver)

Boys

- Red or white polo shirt
- Red sweater, sweat-shirt
- Trousers/shorts (grey)
- Socks (red/white/grey)

Wigley Primary School uniform is as follows:

Girls

- Blue or white polo shirt
- Blue sweater, sweat-shirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers, culottes, skirts, shorts, pinafores
- Blue gingham dress optional for summer
- Smart school shoes/boots (black) - sensible, no high heels, "Doc Martin" style heavy boots etc
- Tights (blue/white/grey)
- Socks (blue/white/grey). White socks may have blue ribbons, frills etc

Jewellery

Earrings – plain studs (gold or silver)

Boys

- Blue or white polo shirt
- Blue sweater, sweat-shirt
- Trousers/shorts (grey)
- Socks (blue/white/grey)

P.E. (for both Penny Acres and Wigley)

- Plain white t-shirt/Polo shirt
- Shorts – black
- Skorts - black
- Jogging bottoms – black
- Leggings - black
- Hooded/Track suite top - black
- Black pumps for indoor use
- Trainers for outdoor use – plain, dark colour, no fashion trainers/lights etc

No jewellery to be worn during P.E. – this includes stud earrings.

Swimming – no jewellery, long hair tied back.

Why do we strive for impeccable uniform and appearance?

When pupils ignore uniform and appearance guidelines:

- Conflict increases because staff members have to engage pupils in negative conversations.
- Members of staff waste valuable time and energy issuing repeated reminders around uniform and appearance.
- Other pupils observe and normalise this standard of uniform and appearance; magnifying the problem.
- When representing the Federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary School at events, or on school trips, pupils are easily identified. This assists staff members and also gives credence to the image of the school.
- Safety

When pupils have the correct uniform and appearance

When pupils adhere to the school's uniform and appearance code of conduct:

- Members of staff can focus on supporting pupils in their learning.
- Conflict reduces as members of staff have fewer negative interactions with pupils.
- Staff and pupils are more able to develop a positive environment in lessons and around the school.
- A sense of pride and belonging develops, and
- Local residents in the community feel more positively about the school.

School reminders

We accept that fashion changes and new styles become more popular in retail outlets. However, as a school, we do not change our uniform code to adhere to fashion. Instead, we expect pupils to continue to meet our expectations and wear the correct uniform.

The winter months can be severe at both schools, with the temperature dropping significantly and the night's drawing in earlier. A priority at this time of year is ensuring all children are safe and healthy and do not become susceptible to illness or injury. We continue to endorse our uniform and appearance code and expect pupils to adhere to it, however we do encourage:

Extra layers – e.g. vests

Winter coat – (any)

The policy needs to ensure **footwear** meets our school code but is robust and suitable for the winter months. Trainers are not a suitable replacement, neither are fashion boots, or boots with heels. If we have **snow** or treacherous conditions pupils are allowed to wear alternative footwear; wellington boots, snow boots, walking boots **not** trainers, plimsolls or fashion boots.

Hats and gloves – necessary in winter (any)

We will continue to uphold the school uniform policy. We fully expect parents/carers will support the school in its drive to improve standards for our pupils. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and appearance.