

# CARR HEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Policy on School Uniform (updated January 2025)

### 1 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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website.

### 2 Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion of 'look smart – act smart' and that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

### 3 Uniform details

Children can choose to wear uniform of either gender.

#### Girls – all year groups

School pleated skirt or kilt\* (maroon tartan) *Pinafore to be phased out*

White short-sleeved shirt (tucked in and buttoned up)

V necked maroon school jumper or cardigan\* (knitted) with optional school logo\*

School tie (elasticated in Oak / KS1)

Knee length white socks or plain grey tights

Plain black fully enclosed school shoes (**not** sandals)

Plain outdoor coat suitable for the season

*Burgundy summer dress and white socks in Summer Term only (optional)*

*Maroon school blazer (Y5 and Y6 only) to be phased out*

Skirts/kilts should be long enough to enable the wearer to sit cross-legged without embarrassment.

## Boys – all year groups

Grey trousers or shorts

White short sleeved shirt (tucked in and buttoned up)

V necked maroon school jumper (knitted)\* with optional school logo\*

School tie (elasticated in Oak / KS1)

Plain black shoes (**not** trainers)

Plain grey or black socks

Plain outdoor coat suitable for the season

*Maroon school blazer (Y5 and Y6 only) to be phased out*

\* Items available from uniform supplier. Items with the school logo are optional.

## P.E. Kit - All Year Groups

Plain white polo shirt with optional school logo\*

Plain maroon crew neck sweatshirt (Not hoody)

Plain black shorts

Plain white or black trainers (not pumps)

Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings for winter / outdoor P.E. (**optional**)

All PE kit should be stored in a plain drawstring P.E. bag

## 4 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, **we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.** If a child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. In the rare cases when a child cannot remove their ear studs, as the ears are not yet fully healed, the child will not be able to take part in PE lessons. In these circumstances only plain studs may be worn to school. As soon as healed the studs should not be worn for school.

Small, inexpensive watches may be worn in Key Stage 2. However, if a watch is designed for games or making disruptive noises it should not be worn for school.

## **5 Hair and make-up**

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours and only used to keep hair in place. Long hair should be tied back. Some hair ornaments may need to be removed for P.E. on the grounds of health and safety. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate.

## **6 Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Shoes made of breathable material such as leather are preferred, and totally plastic shoes (such as jelly shoes) are not acceptable. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform (including travel to and from school). The only exception to this is for PE lessons where **plain** white or black trainers are acceptable.

We require all children to wear the types of shoes described in the uniform list. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or similar distracting gimmicks in their design are not appropriate for school wear.

Winter boots/ wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day.

## **7 Bags**

Except for a lunchbox, water bottle and a reading book, no other items should be routinely brought into school. All children are expected to use the smallest size bag possible to carry items to and from school. The bags should be plain maroon and sturdy enough to protect their contents. The school recommends a simple book bag with reflective piping. Water bottles should not be kept in book bags because a leaking bottle will damage the reading book.

## **8 Seasonal safety**

All children always require a coat in school because the weather is frequently changeable. Coats should be waterproof and suitable for the current season.

On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a hat or cap
- wearing an appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sun-screen).

## **9 The role of the school**

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school. Children will be encouraged to be independent in looking after their own belongings.

Acceptance of the school's uniform policy forms part of our Home-School Agreement. In the event of infringement of the uniform policy, in the first instance a member of staff would have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding any explanation for the infringement and any remedial action that might be required (for example, a child might be asked to change into P.E. pumps if their footwear is unsuitable for wear in school or a child wearing a hoodie to school instead of a jacket but then continuing to wear it in the classroom would be asked to remove it and hang it on their coat peg). In the event of persistent or flagrant infringements, parents will be contacted.

## **10 The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. **All items should be clearly marked with the child's name.**

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably. As previously stated, pupils may wear uniform of either gender.

## **11 The role of governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **12 Monitoring and review**

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it,
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations,
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

**Date the policy was last reviewed: January 2025**