



**A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child
at the heart of all we do.**

UNIFORM POLICY

Policy date:

Date to be reviewed:

Rationale

The Topsham School uniform exists to promote a whole school community. A common uniform fosters a sense of belonging among the pupils and encourages a sense of pride in their school.

Aims

The policy aims to:

- Encourage all children to wear the uniform
- Establish a positive partnership with parents in relation to the wearing of uniform
- Encourage a responsible attitude to clothes ie. Suitability, safety

Objectives

The school will fulfil the aims by:

- Having clear guidance about the uniform in the school prospectus[see appendix 1]
- Emphasising positive attitudes to wearing of uniform rather than sanctioning those who do not.
- Having a clear approach to dealing with children who don't wear uniform [see appendix 2]
- Maintain an affordable source of second hand uniform via PTA

Community links

The Topsham uniform is recognised by the local community and serves to identify children as members of the community. The school ensures that parents are made aware of this policy through the school website, the school prospectus and the newsletter.

Equalities

All children wear the uniform regardless of race, gender or social standing. In the case of religious dress codes, the uniform is versatile enough to allow for most needs, but each case will be dealt with as the need arises. The wearing of uniform makes it less likely that difference of parental income will be obvious.

Equalities Statement

The staff and governors of The Topsham School are committed to promoting equal opportunities and diversity. All staff will ensure that all areas of the taught and informal curriculum take account of the rich and varied balance of cultures, faiths, race and nationalities, physical, emotional, gender and economic diversity that exists in the United Kingdom today.

Links with other Policies

Equality and PE

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed on a two yearly cycle.

Appendix 1

School Uniform

There is no set uniform for the children in Nursery. Due to the nature of our learning, the children to wear clothing that is comfortable and allows free movement. We also encourage the children to bring a change of clothes into school with them.

Uniform for Reception, KS1 and KS2 is:

- Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress, grey trousers or grey shorts
- White blouse, shirt or polo shirt
- Royal Blue sweatshirt (Topsham School logo optional)
- Blue gingham dress for Summer months (optional)
- Plain, flat, black shoes that are safe for children to run around in (not trainers or boots)

PE Uniform:

- **Royal blue or black shorts** with elasticated waist
- **white** round neck T - shirt
- **black trainers** for outdoor PE- NOT football boots
- **black plimsolls** for indoor PE; these can stay in school and need to be named
- **Royal blue, black or grey** jogging bottoms; **NOT multicoloured** (*Winter months*)
- **Royal blue, black or grey** sweatshirt (other than school sweatshirt) for outdoor PE. **NOT multicoloured** (*Winter months*)
- ***All PE equipment should be kept in a drawstring bag with the child's name on – not in a large sports bag or plastic carrier, as space for storage is limited. At present, children continue to come in on their PE days wearing their PE uniform.***

Jewellery: Watches and simple stud earrings may be worn. No temporary tattoos, nail varnish or make up should be worn.

Hair: Should be neat, tidy and of conventional style, appropriate for children of Primary School age. In the interests of health and hygiene, long hair must be tied back.

Bookbags: Children should have a school bookbag in which to keep their reading books and reading journals.

School bags and other personal items: Cloakroom storage space is limited. Please consider whether a school bag is necessary. A school bookbag is large enough to hold a water bottle and snack. Personal items such as pens, pencils etc are not necessary as school provides all the equipment our children need.

To support independence and to alleviate anxiety, please ensure all items of uniform are clearly marked with the child's name.

Logoed uniform is optional and can be purchased from Proserve in Exmouth or Thomas Moore in Exeter.

Proserve (UK) Limited, Unit 3, Dinan Way Trading Estate, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 4RS.

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Appendix 2

Action to take if a child is not wearing uniform

Step One

For years 2 – 6

- Teachers to talk to individual child away from other children and encourage wearing of school uniform

For years F and 1

- Teacher to have quiet word with the parent / guardian

Step Two

For years 2 – 6

- If the child is not wearing the correct uniform by the end of the week the teacher should have another quiet word, to encourage the wearing of school uniform
- If foot wear is deemed unsafe the child will be required to wear plimsolls/ trainers

For years F and 1

- Teacher to have another quiet word with the parent / guardian

Step Three

If the uniform is still not being worn a letter should be sent to the parents, directing them to the PTA second hand uniform sale

Step Four

If after another week the child is not wearing uniform, a letter will be sent explaining that a school sweatshirt will be provided for the child while they are in school.