

# Zouch Academy

## Uniform Policy

### September 2014

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. All children are **expected to wear our uniform** and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The commitment to wear our agreed school uniform will be a key feature of our home/school agreement.

Our uniform policy is based on the notion of:

### ***'Look Smart - Act Smart'***

At Zouch, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- ✓ It reminds us that we are at school for a serious purpose - **to work and to learn**;
- ✓ Identifies our children with our school - that we belong to a special group – the pupils of Zouch Academy - and to be proud of it;
- ✓ Promotes a sense of pride in the school and fosters a feeling of community identity and belonging;
- ✓ Is practical and smart;
- ✓ Ensures our pupils' well-being – we want to ensure that all our pupils are appropriately dressed at school and protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils;
- ✓ Supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- ✓ Enables us to easily identify our pupils when on visits or accessing out of school learning activities;
- ✓ Above all, school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

### **Our Uniform 2014 – 15**

Following our consultation with parents we have adopted the new school uniform for the new academic year. This is outlined below. However, we will have a number of transitional arrangements in place to ensure that our school uniform is affordable and allows parents time to purchase the updated uniform. The transitional arrangements are outlined below.

Uniform

<b>Boys Reception to Y4</b>	<b>Girls Reception to Y4</b>
Grey trousers/shorts	Grey skirt/trousers or pinafore (green/white dresses for summer if wished)
Bottle green polo shirt	Bottle green polo shirt
Plain grey/black/white socks	Plain grey/white/black/bottle green socks or tights
Black shoes (not trainers)	Black shoes (not trainers)
Bottle green school top (current) or new	Bottle green school top (current) or new

Boys Y5 & Y6	Girls Y5 & Y6
Grey trousers/shorts	Grey skirt/trousers or pinafore (green/white dresses for summer if wished)
White shirt	White shirt
School tie	School tie
Bottle green school top (current) or new	Bottle green school top (current) or new
Plain grey/black/white socks	Plain grey/black/bottle green/white socks or tights
Black shoes (not trainers)	Black shoes (not trainers)
PE (all years)	PE (all years)
Bottle green school top (current) or new	Bottle green school top (current) or new
Bottle green round neck T shirt	Bottle green round neck T shirt
Black PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms	Black PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms
Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor activities	Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor activities

### Equipment and bags

- Children from Reception to Y3 will be expected to bring their book bag to school daily.
- Key Stage 2 children need a sensible school bag (small rucksack), big enough to carry packed lunch, pencil case, indoor shoes if needed, home learning and reading book. Book Bags in KS2 are optional in Y4, 5 & 6. PE kit should be in a separate named Zouch PE bag.
- In Key Stage 2, children are invited to have their own pencil case, which should contain a pencil, small ruler, rubber, sharpener and coloured pencils. When children are ready to write in pen, they will be given a school pen – no other pens allowed.

### Transitional arrangements for 2014/15

- We will introduce over time a new badge to reflect the school name/logo and parents able to keep the current uniform tops (cardigans/jumpers/sweatshirts) until they wear out over the next academic year moving to the updated uniform with the new logo in September 2015. However the new uniform tops will be available from September 2014 for those who wish to purchase them and for new starters.
- We will keep the uniform colour as it is – (bottle green) and introduce bottle green polo shirts for pupils from Reception to Y4.
- Trousers and skirts will be grey. This change to come into effect from September 2014.
- We will introduce a more formal uniform for pupils in Y5 and Y6 to recognise their seniority in the school, their leadership and role modelling and prepare them for transition to the next phase of their education. This will be a grey trousers/skirt, shirt, tie (bought by school with our new logo) and bottle green V neck jumper. The change to shirts and ties would take effect from September 2014 however the jumper would become compulsory from Sept 2015. However the new tops will be available from September 2014 for those who wish to purchase it and for new starters.
- Summer uniform will be green/white gingham dresses for girls and grey shorts for boys with their shirts and ties.

## Other uniform expectations/clarification

- Jewellery**
- We only allow our children to wear stud earrings and inexpensive watches. We would prefer an analogue rather than a digital watch in order to reinforce teaching of time. If a watch is designed for games or making disruptive noises it should not be worn for school.
  - Other accessories for example, loom bands are not permitted.

- Hair and make up**
- We want our children to look smart and as a result we don't expect or allow make up and our children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could distract other children or impact on our uniform statement '*ACT SMART LOOK SMART*'.
  - Hair bands/clips etc should be discreet designs in keeping with our school colours.
  - No nail varnish may be worn during the school day.

- Footwear**
- We want all our children to grow up as healthy adults. As such we request shoes are low heeled and made of breathable fabric such as leather. Shoes that are completely plastic (for example jelly shoes) or flip flops are not acceptable. Trainers and plimsolls are for PE and playground wear only.
  - Winter boots and wellingtons may be worn to school in winter months or in bad weather but shoes must be worn during the school day. Flat sandals that provide firm support may be worn in summer but they must have a heel strap to ensure the foot cannot slip off the sandal.

- Seasonal safety**
- All children require a coat in school when weather is changeable, cold or wet.
  - On hot, sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:
    - Wearing a cap or a hat
    - Wearing appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied from home or brought into school for them to apply.
    - Wearing sun glasses with CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977 and are of a design and colour compatible with our uniform colours.

## Roles and Responsibilities

### 1. The Role of Parents

***Acceptance of the uniform policy is a key element of our Home/School Agreement*** and we ask all parents who have children at Zouch to support our uniform policy and send their children to school correctly dressed, clean and ready for their daily school work. Please ensure that all school uniform items are marked with your child's name.

If any parents would like the school to modify the uniform they should discuss the request with the Principal in the first instance. We welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities and would not wish to discriminate. If there are religious reasons why a parent might request a modification to our uniform then these requests will be responded to. Similarly, should an item of

school uniform be problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to discuss this with the Principal. We will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

## **2. The Role of the School**

Items bearing the school's logo are available on line from our provider

[www.schoolwearforless.co.uk](http://www.schoolwearforless.co.uk)

We will make every effort to ensure these items are of reasonable quality and an affordable price.

We will endeavour to support families of children eligible for free school meals with a contribution towards uniform costs.

The school cannot accept any liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items brought into the school.

***Acceptance of the uniform policy is a key element of our Home/School Agreement*** and staff will raise issues relating to uniform discretely with children in the first instance (polite reminder) and then contact parents if the uniform policy isn't followed.

## **3. The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the Principal in the implementation of the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents considering this policy and will liaise with the Principal to ensure that this policy is consistent with our equalities policy and is implemented fairly and consistently.

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