



CROFTLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

AUTUMN 2010

To be reviewed for September 2013

Accepted by the Governing Body

Date

Signed by

At Croftlands Junior School we aim

- To provide an atmosphere of trust and confidence where every member of each school community is valued and appreciated and where everyone can enjoy their time in school and can realise their own potential.
- To provide the best quality education for our children so that they can achieve their fullest individual potential.
- To achieve this by striving to maintain the highest standards of teaching and learning and by providing a safe, stimulating and healthy environment where all children and adults feel valued for the contribution they make.
- To develop the children's respect for themselves and for others and to promote a caring, positive attitude towards the community and their local environment.
- To prepare children for life in its widest sense, enabling them to take their place in society as fulfilled and committed individuals, able to play their part in local and wider affairs as well as achieving economic well being.
- To give equal opportunities to all our pupils so that they may become contributors to a society free of all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

These aims are underpinned by the outcomes identified in 'Every Child Matters'.

Interested parties who wish to discuss this document and its contents further should contact the Chair of Governors or the Head Teacher of Croftlands Junior School.

Please contact the Chair of Governors or the clerk of Croftlands Junior School if you wish to have a copy of this document in a different format.

There may be occasions when parents wish to complain about matters relating to the curriculum, policy documents or collective worship which are the responsibility of the Governing Body and/or the Local Authority. Special, formal arrangements exist for dealing with complaints of this kind. Copies of a leaflet which outlines these arrangements are available in school, as are copies of the full arrangements themselves. Advice on how to pursue a formal complaint is also available from:-

The Director of Children Services
5, Portland Square
Carlisle
CA1 1PU
Tel. 01228 606060

Introduction.

The school policy for School Uniform was developed and agreed by the Community & Welfare committee of governors including staff and parents and following a parental survey.

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.
- The Governing body at Croftlands Junior school will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.
- We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of

- School sweatshirt with logo
- White polo shirt (logo optional)
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Black, flat shoes

Summer Options

- Grey shorts
- Red gingham dress

PE Kit

- Plain white T-Shirt
- Plain Black Shorts
- Trainers for outdoor games only
- Plimsolls for Indoor PE - this is for health and safety reasons

Uniform items may currently be purchased from IDENTITY, at Cavendish Street, Barrow-in-Furness or the online shop at Coniston Corporate. Non logo items, polo shirts, trousers, skirts and PE kits can be purchased from other sources such as local supermarkets.

Hair

Unusual or extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school and we discourage the use of coloured dye and hairgel.

Long hair should be tied back during Physical Education lessons for safety.

Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons no jewellery other than a watch and one pair of ear studs is allowed; no bracelets or necklaces should be worn at any time (this includes charity bands and sweat bands) and no other body piercing. In exceptional circumstances e.g. religious practice, a letter should be sent to the Headteacher. The Local Authority guidance on jewellery states that no article of jewellery should be worn during any PE or swimming lesson and school request that children should not wear earrings to school unless they are able to remove them themselves.

Make Up

No make up should be worn and the use of nail varnish is discouraged.

Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above. Any parents having difficulty providing the correct school uniform are asked to contact the school office.

Equipment

- Pencil cases should be of a standard size in order to not take up valuable desk space.
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school. In exceptional cases, with the permission of the Head teacher, they may be given to the class teacher or office at the beginning of the day and collected again at the end.
- Children should not be given medicines to bring to school unless prior arrangements have been made with the Headteacher, class teacher or office either by letter or by phone. In such cases, written instructions for administering medication should be given and only the correct dosage sent to school. The medicine should be in its original packaging with clear pharmacy notes attached and left at the school office.
- Bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.

All the items above are readily available from the high street - if parents and carers find any difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school.

Role of the Class Teachers and Classroom Support Staff

- In their respective roles classroom staff serve the local community as a set of professionals and should dress accordingly
- PE kit or tracksuits should only be worn during the morning or afternoon session where Physical Education is being taught.
- No jeans or denim to be worn.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- The Head teacher should ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform, handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DfE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fun raising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the Community & Welfare committee of the Governing body following the schools complaints procedure.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Croftlands Junior School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in the autumn term 2013.