



Primary School Uniform Policy

Introduction

The BIS uniform is an important element of school life. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and sustainability are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. When worn properly it generates a shared identity among students. Having a uniform helps students to focus on their work and activities while at school, rather than their appearance. It encourages positive social interactions among students by building unity rather than competition about looks. It also makes life a little easier for parents!

BIS policy is that the school uniform is compulsory. All students from Years Foundation - 6 are required to wear the official school uniform as per the student handbook. Parents need to be aware that failure by students to wear the school uniform may result in parents being contacted.

Aims

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide a school uniform that is practical, comfortable and attractive
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the students with the school
- Prevents students from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most Parents / Carers
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Provides an environmentally sustainable clothing option - eliminates children's 'fast fashion'

Implementation

The Dress Code applies during school hours and when students are on school day trips.

We do not allow students to wear jewellery in school on health and safety grounds. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or prayer beads. We ask the students to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury to either themselves or others.

Tattoos are not permitted.

School Policy requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Primary School Behaviour Policy.

Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height should not be worn as they constitute a health and safety risk to young children.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or other reasons must apply in writing to the School Principal.



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Students will be expected to wear a school P.E. shirt and the school follow dress code for Physical Education lessons.

Students with collar length/or longer hair, must wear their hair tied back.

All uniforms can be purchased in the school office in the 7a Uzicka Lower Primary Building office or in the school office at 36 Nezmanog Junaka.

School Uniform Design

Blue Polo Shirt with a yellow school logo

Yellow P.E. Shirt

Long Sleeved Blue Sweater with a yellow school logo.

Directors

The Board of Directors will:

- Support the Principal in implementing the Primary School Uniform Policy
- Consider, with the Principal, all representations from Parents / Carers for individual students to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform
- Liaise with the Principal to ensure that the Primary School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity
- Ensure that the Primary School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities
- Ensure that the Primary School Uniform Policy helps students to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical
- Ensure that the views of Parents / Carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the Primary School Uniform Policy
- Requires the Deputy Principal and Primary Senior Teacher to report to the Board of Directors on the implementation of the Primary School Uniform Policy.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the annual parent opinion survey, specific surveys aimed at determining the level of support for specific uniform items and by School Council as required.

Consideration will be given to the level of support given to the uniform policy by the number of issues raised compared to the level of compliance relating to wearing the school uniform.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually.

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