



This policy was written in line with the National Healthy School Standard in consultation with the whole school community.

### **Rationale**

At St Hilda's we aim to provide an effective learning experience for children of all abilities. School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone and keeping children safe. It can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

### **Purposes**

The aim of the policy is to lay out the requirements for clothing etc. as agreed by the whole school community, including items restricted or prohibited from being worn at school, within the context of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural ethos of St Hilda's. This flows from the duties placed upon the governing body by statute to conduct the school and to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.

### **Guide-lines**

School uniform is worn by all pupils in school ( see SEN below for specific guidance )

Boys and girls wear a red school polo shirt with collar and a blue school sweatshirt.

Trousers can be worn by both boys and girls and are to be black in colour.

Sports trousers / track pants are not acceptable.

Girls may wear a grey or black skirt.

For PE there is a uniform of yellow t-shirt and red shorts.

If preferred red or navy leggings may be worn.

Pupils wear trainers and may wear red or navy track pants for outdoor PE only. Black school shoes should be worn at all other times

Nursery children wear knickers or underpants and vests for P.E.

For swimming girls should wear a full swimsuit and boys a pair of trunks ( not swimming shorts ).

For Health and safety reasons **no jewellery** other than a wrist watch may be worn. ( This includes nose studs, earrings, necklaces / charms and bracelets.) Newly pierced ears need to be covered with sticking plaster until the ear rings can be removed.

Girls in Year 5/6 may wear a black head scarf, fastened with a clip or tied securely. Tasselled, coloured or patterned scarves may not be worn and scarves should **never be fastened with a pin.**

### **Special occasions**

As part of our school community life we sometimes hold celebrations / parties to coincide with religious festivals and other special events, on these occasions if 'non uniform' is allowed then children may wear jewellery and their own clothes provided they accept full responsibility for them and remove items as necessary for health and safety reasons e.g. PE.

On school trips / outings school uniform is usually worn for safety and identification reasons, where special equipment or clothing is required parents are informed and where necessary items can be lent e.g. waterproofs at Castleshaw.

### **Special Educational Needs**

If a child requires specific or particular dispensation regarding uniform this can be arranged through consultation with the Head Teacher.

### **Sanctions**

As this policy is part of our home school agreement parents are expected to support its implementation and any deviations will result in parents being contacted to come into school and remove or alter uniform as necessary.

### **Conclusion**

This policy will be reviewed in line with the SDP at regular intervals and to meet changes in LEA policy.