

We are a uniform compliant school - not all schools choose to wear uniform, most do and many that don't are now changing back to uniform. We choose to be a uniform school and, if you attend our school, it is expected that you comply with our rules and values. We have very good reasons for choosing to be a uniform-wearing school.

a) Because it sets the gold standard to which we strive and impacts on every other area of school life. We expect high standards in **EVERYTHING** from the way children line up to the work they produce and we never waver from that. Children don't get confused about which bits of school life have high standards and which don't.

- b) It builds school loyalty and community spirit which is shown to enhance learning.
- c) It reduces expense for parents and stops those early morning arguments.
- d) A smart uniform gives the appearance of a smart mind - you see a scruffy person, you expect a scruffy attitude. Not always correct but first impressions count.
- e) Equality - If everyone has to wear exactly the same, it cuts out all the power games related to fashion, culture and street cred. Everyone is on a level playing field and time isn't wasted on comparing trainers or jackets or bows!!! That time is better spent comparing work

outcomes, answers, discussing what a good piece of writing looks like as opposed to a good pair of trainers!

f) Low self-esteem leads to low attainment. We see it all the time and we know that low self-esteem is caused by a multitude of things but one of those things is feeling inadequate compared to others because of your clothes or your possessions or where you go on holiday. Wearing a clean, smart uniform cuts out that inadequacy.

g) Continual non-compliance without reprimand creates an over-inflated ego which leads to lower attainment. When you allow your child to break the rules, you're not doing them any favours because you're creating a

false invincibility in them which grows into not needing to work.

- h) Hoodies and sculpted haircuts are disallowed since research shows that they encourage a 'gang' culture which (apart from being a huge safety risk) detracts from the learning that should be our optimum focus.
- i) Finally, it provides for an easier adjustment to secondary school where uniform is non-negotiable.

PICTURE

### Non-negotiable uniform rules

- . No jewellery (including ALL earrings)
- . No boots (except for travelling to and from school if necessary)
- . No trainers (except plain black for outdoor PE lessons)

- . No fashion bags
- . No nail Varnish or tattoos
- . Hair below shoulder length must be tied back with plain navy hair bands or accessories. No half pony-tails.
- . Skirts and pinafore dresses must be at least knee-length
- . Socks must not be pulled over the knee