



The Sherwood School

Uniform Policy

Our Mission Statement:

We are dedicated to providing the best possible education for every pupil in a safe, inclusive and stimulating environment. UNICEF's convention on the Rights of the Child is embedded within our ethos and curriculum and is valued and supported by our staff, children and families.

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Our Values Statement:

The Sherwood School is a Rights Respecting School, which is based upon the UNICEF Convention on The Rights of the Child. The rights within this convention cover basic needs including education, mental and physical wellbeing and experiencing a safe and secure childhood. All staff at The Sherwood act as ‘duty bearers’ of this convention and are responsible for upholding and promoting these four ‘General principles’ that underpin the Convention in its entirety:

1. Article 2 (non-discrimination):

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

2. Article 3 (best interests of the child):

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

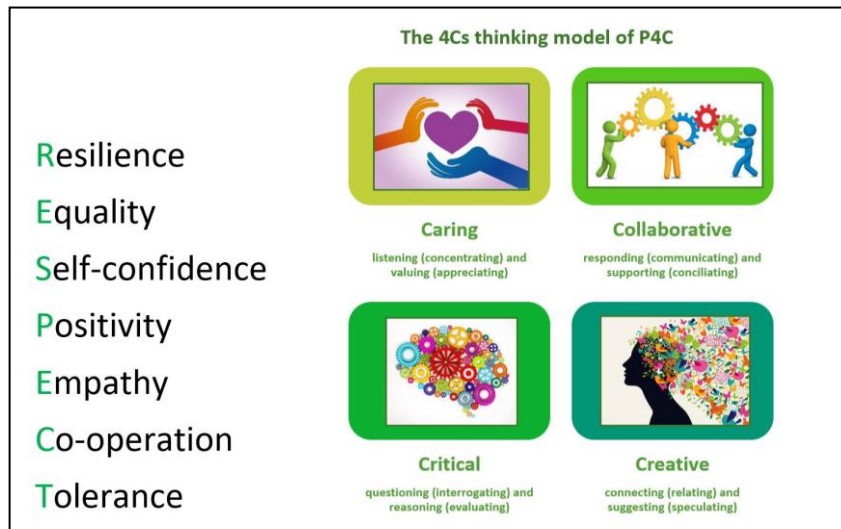
3. Article 6 (life, survival and development):

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

4. Article 12 (respect for the views of the child):

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child’s day-to-day home life.

We believe that all children should be aware of these rights and respect them for themselves and others, along with the British Values that underpin our society. Being a Rights Respecting School underpins this policy and we believe that this will promote positive behaviour and develop caring, successful, responsible citizens of the future. We have created a simple acronym and thinking model to summarise these values.



Aims and Objectives

We aim to promote an atmosphere which encourages a growth mindset, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours. The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to The Sherwood, all children are expected to comply with the expectations set out in this policy.

Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and expectations in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging within our school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Remember to mark any clothing with names. The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing, but, if clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned.

Please reduce the risk of losing your child's school uniform by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.

School uniform can be purchased from www.stitchdesign.co.uk. Non-branded uniform can be purchased from supermarkets or high street shops.

In order to achieve greater consistency in uniform the school uniform will consist of:

Foundation Stage	Key Stage One and Key Stage Two
Plain black school shoes or plimsolls	Plain black school shoes (not trainers)
Plain Socks / Black Tights	Plain Socks / Black Tights
Dark green jogging bottoms or Black Trousers/Black Skirt	Black Trousers/Black Skirt
Green checked summer dress (white socks)	Green checked summer dress (white socks)
Yellow polo shirt (logo or no logo)	Yellow polo shirt (logo or no logo)
Dark green sweat shirt, cardigan or hoodie with or without school logo	Dark green sweat shirt, cardigan or hoodie with or without school logo
Book bag with logo	Book bag with logo
P.E. uniform	
Yellow t shirt (with or without school logo)	
Dark green shorts	
Dark green jogging bottoms	
Dark green sweatshirt with or without school logo	
Black trainers or plimsolls	

Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain earring studs in pierced ears and a watch. Stud earrings should be removed or recently pierced ears should be taped over with a plaster (provided by parents) for PE and swimming and watches removed to prevent them causing injury.

Note: staff do not put ear studs, etc. back in if the child cannot manage it.

Hair

Hairstyles should be reasonable, easy for children to manage and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme fashion hairstyles which include unnaturally coloured dyes or bleached styles are not permitted. For health and safety reasons, all children are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough, for school, particularly for PE, DT and cookery lessons.

Make-up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish. Temporary tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be fully removed if applied at the weekend or during the holidays.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

The Head teacher:

- Implements and monitors the policy throughout the school community as part of maintenance of day-to-day expectations of school;
- Will contact parents/carers to discuss the matter, in the first instance, should there be a concern;
- May issue written expectations to ensure that the school's expectations are maintained.

The Governing Body:

- Will listen to any complaints from parents/carers concerning this policy;
- Will work with parents/carers and the Headteacher to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

Role of the Staff

The staff will:

- Support the head teacher in maintaining high standards of uniform dress;
- Role model appropriate dress according to our Code of Conduct. This includes wearing appropriate sporting clothing during Physical Education lessons;

Role of the Parents / Carers

The Parents will:

- Ensure that children's attire adheres to the expectations as described in this policy;
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items to be easily identified and returned;
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school complaints procedure.

Role of the Children

The Children will:

- Wear the correct uniform when at school or when representing the school at organised events;
- Wear the school PE kit when participating in sporting events either on or off-site;
- Remember to bring PE kit on the correct days.

Inclusion

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender or disability. We ensure that the uniform adheres to the Equality Act 2010. The Sherwood School is committed to creating a positive atmosphere where all pupils feel included and supported to reach their full potential. We regularly provide an unwanted / lost uniform bank outside the main entrance to support families and encourage recycling.

Non-compliance with the School Uniform Policy

If a child is not wearing the correct school uniform, the teaching team will in the first instance discreetly talk to them to find out the circumstances of the case. Parents/carers may be contacted to find out more information and to clarify the school's uniform expectations.

We understand that there may occasionally be exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school uniform (lost or damaged) then we ask parents to contact us on the day to confirm the reason.

Continued non-compliance: The Headteacher may contact parents/carers directly to discuss further in order to agree an acceptable way forward. This meeting will be recorded on the child's file. The Sherwood School expects all pupils and parents/carers to adhere to the guidelines set out in this policy and is committed to working closely with families to resolve any issues that might occur.