



'Leap into a pool of learning'

# Sennen School Uniform Policy

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Signed by.....(Chair of governing body)

Date:.....

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# 1 The School Uniform Policy

## Introduction

The Governing Body has taken the decision that there would be a school uniform and that it would be worn in its entirety. The school uniform has become a very important part of the school and its identity.

It is a duty of the Head teacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy as set out in this document.

## Aims and Objectives

We want to see children proud to be part of the school and proud to wear the uniform. This is a view held by the staff, Governors and parents/carers.

We strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

The uniform is set out in this policy. It is subject to change only with the approval of the Governing Body. There is some flexibility in the uniform but it is essential that the degree of flexibility is kept to a minimum in order to preserve the uniform.

We aim to promote each child's right to express their gender and personality in whichever way feels right for them. To support this, whilst we expect all of our children to wear the school uniform, the rules for boys and girls are the same and we do not insist that they wear specific items of clothing.

## Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed, looking smart and ready for their daily schoolwork. The staff will be reminding children of the correct uniform in school and dealing with any inconsistencies, should they arise.

If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

# 2 School Uniform

All pupils can select combinations from the following list:
White polo or button up shirt
Navy blue school Fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan
Grey or black skirt or pinafore dress and grey or black trousers

Grey, black or white socks no higher than the knee or white, grey, black or navy blue tights (no trainer socks). Leggings are a suitable alternative but these should be plain and in school colours (navy blue or black).

Sensible black shoes or plain pumps (no named trainers). In the winter, black ankle boots are permitted.

**Coats** - the uniform does not specify a particular type or colour of coat. However, Winter coats should be sturdy due to the position of the school.

**Hair bands** – For safety and hygiene reasons, children with long hair - both girls and boys - must have it tied back with hair bands **at all times**.

**Jewellery** – Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school. The exception to this rule being one pair of plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance which must be worn underneath the school shirt. These must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove these items themselves they should not come into school with them on PE days.

**Make-up** – Make-up, including nail varnish and transfer tattoos should not be worn.

**Outdoor clothing** - From time to time pupils are required to wear appropriate clothing for outdoor education. This should include wellies, old clothes and a water proof coat.

### 3 Summer Option

**In addition to the usual uniform, all pupils can select combinations from the following list:**

Blue /white gingham check dress or playsuit

Grey or black shorts (various styles are available, please see the website for some examples)

White or black sandals are permitted but they must not be open-toed.

**School Caps** - these are optional, although they will be needed for school trips and outdoor play in the Summer.

## 4 The Uniform and Health and Safety

Decisions on the school uniform have taken into account health and safety issues. Deviation from the following specifications can compromise the health and safety of the child and others. The Head Teacher reserves the right to take appropriate action in the interests of the health and safety of all children. All footwear and clothing should, at all times, allow the child to take a full and active part in all aspects of school life.

### Footwear

Heels on shoes must be minimal.

All footwear must be properly and effectively fastened.

Shoes with sling-back straps are not permitted.

Shoes with high heels and high platform soles are not permitted on the grounds that they can compromise the health and safety of not only the wearer but those around them, should they fall.

Summer sandals must have enclosed toes. Open-toed sandals are not allowed as they can cause injury when playing in the playground.

## 5 PE Kit

At Sennen, the PE kit is as important as the rest of the uniform and needs to be adhered to at all times.

- School T-shirt
- Blue shorts (plain or with logo)
- Socks
- Black Plimsolls

**Tights** may not be worn for indoor PE (apparatus) on the grounds of health and safety. For outdoor PE, tracksuits are to be worn instead of tights.

**Plimsolls** should have a thin sole to facilitate greater sensitivity when on apparatus. Elasticated plimsolls are the most suitable (and often the cheapest) particularly for younger children. Thick-soled plimsolls and trainers are not suitable for apparatus work and are a threat to health and safety. They are however quite acceptable for outside games.

**Track suits (plain black, grey, or navy)** to use for outdoor P.E are entirely optional; they may be worn during games lessons at the discretion of the class teacher.

The children are expected to have the correct kit for each PE lesson. Please see section 7 'Non compliance with school uniform' for clarification on the sanctions for not doing so.

**Labelling of uniform – Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, as neither the school nor TPAT can accept responsibility for any articles lost or damaged on the school premises**

## 6 Cost of Uniform

The cost has been kept to a minimum. Items are available for purchase in major stores and items with the school logo on can be ordered from the school office.

Where parents/carers are in financial difficulty or facing other difficulties, the lost property is used to provide the child with appropriate uniform.

Please speak to the headteacher regarding such issues, as we may be able to help.

## 7 Non Compliance with School Uniform

In cases of non-compliance, we will give the child a polite verbal reminder. Parents/carers will also be informed and consulted by way of a note home and/or a telephone call from the school if necessary.

If there is a genuine reason for not wearing the correct uniform, please send your child to school with a note detailing the length of time until it can be rectified. An alternative strategy can be to provide the child with items of school uniform from lost property.

Where inappropriate or unsafe footwear is worn to school, the child is required to wear the black PE shoes in their PE kit.

## 8 Equality Issues

The Governors have regard to their responsibilities under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Human Rights Act 1998 and are aware of the Race Relations Amendment Act (May 2002). The impact of the *School Uniform Policy* on all children and particularly ethnic minority children is kept under regular

review and will be adapted where genuine cases based on religious or cultural grounds are made.

No child will be disciplined for not complying with the school uniform policy because of their cultural, race or religious dress code.

## **9 Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years during Term 5, or if necessary due to a change made to the school uniform.

The next review of this policy is due: Summer Term 5, 2021

All uniform is available to order from the school office.