

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Uniform Expectations**

At Haggonfields, we believe that wearing school uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging, pride, equality and readiness for learning. We are grateful for your continued support in ensuring that pupils attend school dressed appropriately and ready to learn.

We recognise that there may occasionally be circumstances that prevent a child from attending school in the correct uniform. Our approach is therefore one of partnership and support, whilst maintaining high expectations for all pupils.

Full details of our school uniform requirements, including expectations for PE kit and presentation, can be found on the school website. We encourage all parents and carers to refer to this guidance when purchasing or replacing uniform items.

To support families, we will also send a reminder of our uniform expectations before the end of the summer term each year. This will give parents and carers plenty of time to purchase any new items needed over the holiday period and ensure that children are ready for the start of the new academic year.

### **Supporting Individual Needs**

We recognise that some children may have additional needs that make wearing certain items of uniform difficult.

Where a child has identified sensory needs, reasonable adjustments can be made. For example, children may wear plain black plimsolls or black trainers instead of standard school shoes where this has been agreed with the school. We encourage parents and carers to discuss any individual requirements with us so that appropriate arrangements can be put in place.

### **What Happens if a Child is Not in Correct Uniform?**

#### **First Occurrence**

If a pupil arrives at school without the correct uniform:

- A member of staff will speak with the child discreetly to understand the reason.
- The pupil will remain in school and continue with their learning.
- Parents may receive a reminder regarding the school's uniform expectations.
- Where available, the school may provide spare uniform items.

#### **Repeated Occurrences**

If the issue continues:

- The class teacher or a member of the pastoral team will contact parents or carers to discuss the matter.
- We will seek to understand any barriers and offer appropriate support where required.
- Incidents may be recorded and monitored.

### **Persistent Concerns**

Where concerns continue despite reminders and support:

- Parents or carers may be invited to meet with school staff.
- An agreed plan of support will be put in place to help resolve the issue.
- A senior leader may become involved to ensure consistency and offer further assistance where appropriate.

### **Support for Families**

We understand that financial pressures or other family circumstances can sometimes make it difficult to obtain school uniform.

Where support is needed, the school may be able to:

- Provide information about second-hand uniform.
- Signpost families to sources of financial assistance.
- Work with families to identify practical solutions.

We encourage any parent experiencing difficulties to contact the school as soon as possible so that we can help.

### **Our Commitment**

We are committed to treating all pupils and families with dignity, understanding and respect. No child will be prevented from accessing their education solely because they are not wearing the correct uniform.

We appreciate your support in maintaining the high standards that help make our school a positive, inclusive and successful learning environment for all.

If you have any questions regarding the uniform policy or require support, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Boness  
Headteacher