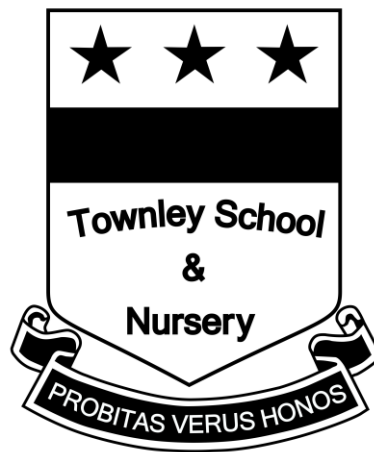


Townley School and Nursery Policy Front Sheet



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Townley Primary School and Nursery



Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school, demonstrating membership of a school community and pride in representing this community. Our school uniform changed in 2016 at the request of the children, who felt strongly that they were proud of our school and wanted to feel like they were part of the same team. We expect all children to wear the uniform unless a medical reason prevents them from doing so.

2. Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning since it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical and smart, hardwearing and reasonable in cost. All items other than the jumper can be bought from any high street store or supermarket
- Identifies the children with the school and encourages identity within the school
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of children
- Ensures children of all cultures, races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

3. The Uniform

All children in Nursery should wear:

- Navy blue Townley sweatshirt
- Trousers or leggings they can pull on and off by themselves, with fastenings they can do for themselves.

All children in Reception must wear:

- Navy blue Townley jumper
- White polo shirt
- Charcoal grey smart trousers or skirt

All children From Year 1 to Y6 must wear:

- Navy blue Townley jumper
- White shirt with a collar
- Charcoal grey smart trousers or skirt
- A red tie

For PE, children from Year 1 to Y6 must wear:

- A plain white T 'Shirt
- Black or Navy plain (unbranded) tracksuit or shorts (PE is often outside so a sweatshirt is essential).

4. **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain, simple earring studs in pierced ears (one pair maximum) and watches (not smart watches). We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears to get piercing done at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term (staff cannot remove earrings for children).

All jewellery must be removed for PE and we cannot accept any responsibility for lost items.

5. **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy young adults. We believe that it is unsafe for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Children should wear flat enclosed shoes, with simple fastening and minimal decoration. If your child cannot do their laces make sure you buy them Velcro fastening shoes. It is frustrating for children when they cannot be independent. No open toe shoes or 'Croc style' shoes are permitted. We are an all-weather school, so outside for outdoor learning and breaktimes, even in the rain. Where possible, please provide a pair of wellies (named) for your child to use.

We welcome children walking to school in boots or wellies, but once in school, they should change into their normal school shoes and place their boots in a bag on their peg or in their locker.

6. **Coats**

Suitable coats also need to be available for your child to wear outside regardless of the weather. Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 take part in Forest School all year round and will also need waterproofs and wellington boots. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 will need Forest School clothes for one term per year.

7. **Hair**

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up in PE, where it is long enough to do so.

8. **The Role of the School**

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, the school will ensure that their uniform is affordable. In considering cost, and taking into account all the items of uniform or clothing a parent will need to provide while their child is at school we will aim to:

- Keep the use of branded items to a minimum.
- Ensure our uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment)
- Ensure that second-hand uniform is available for parents to acquire. Second-hand (Pre-Loved) uniform is available from the school and all items are 50p, please come into the school office, where a member of staff will be able to help you.

9. The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to read our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. We request parents to ensure that their child has their correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make a representation to the Headteacher in the first instance. It is essential that every item of clothing your child wears to school is named, parents are responsible for this and school takes no responsibility for unnamed clothing, including coats and shoes, which is placed in a lost property box in the foyer for parents to check and is given to charity at the end of each term.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasonable grounds e.g. on health or religious grounds, why parents need their children to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, parents need to request this from the headteacher and the school will respond to such requests on an individual basis.

10.The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard-wearing, safe and practical.

11.Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its work by:

- Seeking the view of parents to ensure they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have a special dispensation with regard to school uniform.