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# Statement of Intent

# Barrow CE Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart.

Additionally, it is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

# Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to all legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

* Education and Inspections Act 2006
* Education Act 2011
* Human Rights Act 1998
* Equality Act 2010
* The General Data Protection Regulations
* Data Protection Act 2018
* D of E Statutory Guidance on the cost of school Uniforms (2021)

This policy also has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

* DofE (2021) School Admissions Code
* DofE (2023) School Uniform

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies and documents:

* Home-School Agreement
* Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
* Complaints Policy

# Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body is responsible for:

* In consultation with the Head teacher and school community, establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school’s vision and values.
* Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding the school’s uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
* Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents/carers, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school’s uniform.
* Ensuring that the school’s uniform is accessible and affordable.

The Head teacher is responsible for:

* Enforcing the school’s uniform on a day-to-day basis.
* Ensuring that school staff understand this policy and know what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
* Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school’s uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the Governing Body.
* Providing pupils with exemptions as appropriate e.g. for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

# Teaching and support staff are responsible for:

# Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.

# Taking appropriate action when pupils are in breach of this policy.

# Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important e.g. to establish school identity.

# Parents/carers are responsible for:

# Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.

# Informing the Head teacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why.

# Ensuring that their child’s uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

# Pupils are responsible for:

# Wearing the correct uniform at all times unless the Head Teacher has granted an exemption.

# Looking after their uniform as appropriate.

# Respecting why a school uniform is important to the school e.g. to develop a sense of belonging.

# Cost and Availability

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, this school ensures that the School Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child. The school is committed to meeting the DfE’s recommendations on costs and value for money.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school works with suppliers to obtain the best value for money possible. Any savings negotiated are passed to parents where possible.

The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms. Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

School Uniform Supplier: [www.uniformity.co.uk](http://www.uniformity.co.uk)

# Assistance with the purchase of school uniform

# If you wish to request support for school uniform, please:

# Send an e mail direct to the school using the uniform@barrowce.cheshire.sch.uk address. This goes direct to the administrator

# Please tell the school in your e mail the ages, sizes and the items you need

# The school administrator will liaise with our partner, KidsBank and will get in touch to arrange delivery/collection..

# uniforms are available to acquire (either from the school directly or from an established scheme)

# Religious Clothing / Ceremonial Wear

Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. The school does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school weighs the needs and rights of individual pupils against the health and safety concerns of the entire school community. The school endeavours to allow religious requirements to be met, wherever possible.

Parents’/carers’ concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by case basis by the Head teacher and Governing Body. This is always conducted in accordance with the school’s Complaints Policy.

# Equality

The school is required to ensure that this policy does not discriminate unlawfully. Every step has been taken to ensure that the cost of similar uniform items, for example, trousers versus skirts, are not disproportionate.

The school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral and inclusive as possible. We do not insist that children of any sex must wear specific items of clothing.

# Complaints and Challenges

The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school’s Complaints Policy.

To make a complaint, parents/carers should refer to the Complaints Policy and follow the stipulations outlined. When a complaint is received, the school works with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

# Non-Compliance

On rare occasions, for example, if slogans on clothing are offensive, the Head teacher or teachers are permitted to ask a pupil to take off the clothing, such as a sweatshirt / jumper. In the event that they cannot take the clothing off, parents/carers will be contacted and they will be asked to bring in more suitable uniform/clothing. On other occasions, for example, if a child is wearing inappropriate footwear, teaching and/or support staff will inform parents/carers by telephone or in-person.

If a child requires an item of uniform for a specific activity and no spare clothing is available in school, for example, parents/carers may be asked to bring the item into school.

Sanctions for breaches of this policy are a last resort: the school endeavours to work with families to resolve breaches of this policy in a timely manner.

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