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## 1. Document Control

### Amendment History

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### Review Dates

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## 2. Statement of Intent

All schools within Concordia Multi Academy Trust are committed to promoting equality and value for money, and to ensuring that no pupil is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances, or social and cultural background.

This policy has been created with consideration to health and safety, value for money and practicality.

Within our Trust, we believe a uniform allows all pupils, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for activities to be facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing such as sports-specific attire.

### 3. Legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, schools in our Trust will:

- ◁ Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- ◁ Make sure that uniform costs the same for all pupils (though there may be an increase in price if pupils require larger sizes)
- ◁ Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- ◁ Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- ◁ Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- ◁ Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- ◁ Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- ◁ Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## 4. Cost of school uniform

All schools within our Trust have a duty to make sure that the uniform required is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. We are aware of the current economic challenges many parents/carers are facing and will do all we can to support with limiting the cost of attending school and wearing uniform.

We understand that some items (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) may not be available to purchase from a wide range of shops and we will limit the requirements where we can.

**We will make sure that our uniform requirements are reasonable to enable parents/carers to have the ability to shop around and purchase a uniform that is reasonable in cost.**

We will do this by:

- ◁ Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- ◁ Not insisting on pupils wearing a jumper or cardigan that contains the school logo
- ◁ Allow pupils to bring their own bag, of any style (but we reserve the right to ask children to use a smaller bag due to space)
- ◁ Provide regular reminders and signpost to the availability to purchase second-hand uniform
- ◁ Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 5. Our school uniform

### Day to day uniform

#### Winter

Pale blue/white shirt or polo shirt

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan which can have the school emblem on

Mid-grey pinafore/skirt/ trousers

White/grey/black socks or tights

Shoes should be flat and black or grey (no trainers)

During cold/wet periods children wearing boots to school should have a change of footwear ready to put on once entering school

#### Summer

Sun hats are essential

Mid-grey school shorts/trousers/skirt

White polo shirt which can have the school emblem

Pale blue and white dress –any pattern, any style suitable for school

White 'T' shirt which can have the school emblem on.

White/grey/black socks

Shoes should be flat and black or grey (no trainers)

Closed toe, flat sandals can be worn in hot weather

### Physical Education

Plain white t-shirt

Blue/black shorts

Blue/Black joggers (outdoors)

Blue/black zipped top (outdoors)

Black elasticised pumps

Children may wear trainers for outside PE lessons but this footwear is not appropriate for our indoor sessions. It is advisable for children to have velcro fastening for trainers if children are unable to fasten laces.

### Labelling

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is clean, in good condition and clearly labelled with the child's name.

### Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery including earrings and earring studs **is not permitted** on safety grounds during physical education lessons or other sporting activities (e.g. after school activities). This will ensure that our pupils have the safest experience in their PE lessons. This decision is based on National Guidance issued by the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) and has the best interests of our pupils at heart. The guidance states:

*“Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.”*

It is recommended by school not to wear earrings at all during the school day as there are many physical activities throughout the week.

Other jewellery items are not permitted at school.

### **Hair style**

For PE and Forest school sessions, long hair must be tied back.

**It is strongly encouraged that our young children have hair tied back at all times due to the nature of our exploratory, play based provision.**

### **Additional Information**

#### **Water Bottles**

All children have access to fresh, clean drinking water in school and are also encouraged to bring in a named or easily identifiable water bottle. This must only contain plain, unflavoured water. As a health promoting school, this means children are not drinking sugary /flavoured drinks which contribute to many preventable health conditions.

#### **Nail varnish**

The wearing of nail varnish is prohibited

#### **Book bags**

All children are strongly encouraged to use a blue book bag/ small carry bag for school because we cannot accommodate large bags on our school pegs.

### **Where to purchase our uniform**

School uniform can be obtained from  
<https://myclothing.com/collections/town-lane-infant-school>  
and other various online sites and supermarkets

Secondhand free school uniform can be obtained from Wirral Fuss  
<https://wirralfuss.co.uk/wirral-f-u-s-s-order-form-primary-school>



## 6. Expectations for our school community

### Pupils

Pupils are expected to always wear the correct uniform (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- ◁ On the school premises
- ◁ Travelling to and from school
- ◁ At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

### Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- ◁ Clean
- ◁ Clearly labelled with the child's name
- ◁ In good condition

Parents are also asked to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- ◁ Their child's protected characteristics
- ◁ The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- ◁ Resolved locally
- ◁ Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy
- ◁ The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### Staff

Staff will monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will make the leadership team aware if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not being able to comply with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation and seek to support where they can.

## **Review of the policy**

The Trust Board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- ◁ Is appropriate for the context of the schools within the Trust
- ◁ Is implemented fairly and consistently across the Trust
- ◁ Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- ◁ Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical, reasonably priced and safe for all pupils

Schools will also ensure that any uniform suppliers give the highest priority to cost and value for money and will avoid single supplier contracts where possible and will re-tender contracts at least every 5 years.