



Earl Sterndale CofE Primary School

### Clothing Policy

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The Governors promote the wearing of a school uniform, which children are expected to wear every day, including on educational visits that do not require special clothing. This is for reasons of security, health and safety, promoting a school identity, and preventing escalating fashion competition.

At Earl Sterndale CofE Primary School we have an **active uniform** to support our commitment to outdoor learning and physical activity throughout the school day. This uniform allows children to be comfortably active at any time, and also removes the requirement for families to purchase a separate PE kit.

The active uniform consists of:

- **Royal blue polo shirt** with embroidered badge
- **Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan** with embroidered badge
- **Black leggings or joggers**
- **Black shoes or trainers** that are suitable for physical activity (ideally leather/water resistant)

**Children wear this uniform every day.** It replaces the need for separate PE kit in most cases, although additional clothing may still be required for specific activities or weather conditions.

**Footwear** Children should wear black shoes or trainers that are suitable for school and active play. It is advisable to buy reasonably-priced footwear as shoes will inevitably get scuffed and worn. Heels should be no more than about 2cm. Wellingtons or boots are not to be worn indoors, and children should have a change of footwear on days when they have worn wellingtons or boots to school.

### **Jewellery, Make-up, and Other Items**

In line with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) advice, the wearing of personal jewellery in school is not permitted for reasons of health and safety, security, and the potential to distract. This includes bracelets, necklaces, rings, and all body piercings.

### **Children are permitted to wear earrings, provided they are small studs with safety backs.**

On days when PE lessons will take place, earrings should ideally be removed at home before school. Staff are neither expected nor permitted to remove any jewellery worn by pupils.

Ear plasters cannot be worn during school swimming lessons for health and safety reasons. In accordance with DCC School Swimming Policy, earrings may only be worn during swimming lessons in exceptional circumstances, typically relating to specific medical needs. In these cases, small studs with safety backs must be worn and the ears must be completely covered by a close-fitting swimming cap.

We advise parents considering ear piercing for their child to do so at the start of the summer holiday, allowing time for healing

### **Forest School/Outdoor Learning**

At different times through the year children will take part in outdoor learning activities and/or Forest school sessions. This will involve wearing clothes and footwear that are suitable for the prevailing weather and which can get dirty. Usually this means waterproof over trousers, warm coats and wellies (plus gloves/hats in winter).

**Financial Support** We recognise that clothing children according to these recommendations can be expensive. We will provide uniform to anyone for whom it is financially problematic. In these circumstances, parents/carers should come to see the headteacher in complete confidence.