



Carrdyke Federation Uniform Policy

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The Carrdyke Federation believes that wearing a uniform is an essential part of school life. The uniform supports our ethos and values as well bringing equality. Wearing a uniform encourages discipline and raises standards.

All children in the Federation are expected to wear the uniform identified in this policy. There is lots of variety within the uniform policy therefore offering parent's choice.

The two schools in the Federation have similar uniforms with the only variation being the school colours. Please see table for clarification:

Walcott School	Mrs Mary King's Primary	Both
Signal red pullover Signal red cardigan Red gingham dress (summer) Red shorts* (for PE)	Royal blue pullover Royal blue cardigan Blue gingham dress (summer) Navy blue/black shorts*(for PE) *These must be of an appropriate length and not 'hot pants' style. No Football team or sports logos	White shirt White blouse Grey trousers Grey pinafore dress Grey skirt Grey culottes Grey shorts (summer) Black school shoes (see below) White t-shirt (for PE) Plain black or grey jogging bottoms for winter sport

The Federation supplies a range of uniform with the school logos embroidered or printed on it. Although this is taken up by the majority of children it is not

compulsory. Parents may choose to source uniform elsewhere provided they ensure the shade is appropriate to the school their child attends.

Shoes

Children should wear sturdy, low heeled black shoes or sandals. Open toed sandals should be avoided and 'crocks' are not permitted. Children should have black plimsolls and trainers for PE.

Children must not wear knee or ankle length fashion boots. If the weather is so bad as to require boots then Wellingtons are most appropriate.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted except single pair of plain ear studs. We strongly advise parents to avoid sending children with ear studs as they present a danger on the playground. Ear studs must be removed by the child for swimming and PE. Staff are not permitted to help with this. Children should have a small container for them. If they can't be removed then sticky tape must be used to cover them. (Ear studs are not permitted for swimming under any circumstances.

PE

Children who do not have a PE kit with them may be given a spare PE kit in a different colour so that it doesn't go missing. It is important for child protection reasons that children do not miss PE sessions due to missing kit.

Hair

Hair should be in a conventional style; students with longer hair must have it tied up or plaited for safety and hygiene reasons. Hair should not cover the eyes and should be natural in colour. Logos and emblems shaved into the side of a child's head or other 'outlandish' hairstyles are not permitted. Children may use bobbles and bands to keep hair tidy but large oversized bows are not permitted. The school reserves the right to insist a child's hair is brought into line with Federation's policy.

Diversity

The schools recognise that uniform can be problematic in cases where gender identity is being explored by an individual. We do not seek to encourage or promote difference but will take a sensitive and understanding approach based on individual circumstances if there is a genuine need.

Religious Observance

Children whose families are from an established non-Christian world faith background may wear specific clothing items with prior approval. For example, we permit Muslim girls to wear a suitable plain coloured head covering provided it doesn't obscure the face. Families wishing to ensure uniform meets their religious observance should discuss this with the Headteacher on applying for a school place.

