



## School Uniform Policy

*'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'*

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### Introduction

This document is a statement of the aim, principles and strategies for school uniform at Hartlip Endowed Church of England Primary School.

All policies are governed by our Christian School Values which were chosen by all members of the school community: Trust, Forgiveness, Friendship, Thankfulness and Peace. These values underpin the daily diet of the whole school community.

### **Learning to live! Living to Learn!**

Inspired by our founder Mary Gibbon, we are a welcoming, nurturing community, providing the opportunity for each person to recognise and fulfil their God given gifts and abilities. Through a creative, inclusive curriculum, we inspire all to be lifelong learners, equipped with the skills needed to be thankful, generous members of society.

### **Our Bible Narratives:**

The Bible narratives referencing God/Jesus as: 'The Good Shepherd,' come from both the New and Old Testament.

### **Explaining our Bible references**

Our Vision at Hartlip School is embedded in the imagery of God/Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We draw upon these images in both the Old and the New Testament of the Bible. We believe that our daily living in school, directed by our values draws parallels to that of a shepherd taking care of his sheep.

Our Christian School Values are: Friendship, Forgiveness, Peace, Trust and Thankfulness

**Friendship:** As the Good Shepherd cares for every member of the flock, we live together in friendship. In learning to live, we accept that not every person may be our friend and at times, we may, like the Lost Sheep, lose our way. Despite our difficulties, we are all still members of the same flock. We care for each other and treat others in the way we would like to be treated ourselves.

**Forgiveness:** In order to live in friendship, we must learn forgiveness. We recognise that in living together, we will make mistakes. We understand that to live in friendship with each other, we must learn to forgive each other, in the same way that God forgives us:

"forgive each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

We teach that we learn from our mistakes. By forgiving others, we ensure that we live in friendship:

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving** each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

**Peace:** When living in friendship with each other and learning to forgive each other, we experience peace. This learning extends beyond our school community in to society. To live in a peaceful world, we need to cascade friendship and forgiveness.

**Trust:** As the sheep trust the shepherd to take care of them, we learn that Christians believe God takes care of us. Our school community is a safe environment where all can flourish. Children and parents trust staff to provide a nurturing, caring and safe environment where all can fulfil their God given gifts and abilities. Children, parents and staff trust the leadership of the school to ensure their safety in an

environment whereby everyone can thrive. In the same way that a shepherd protects sheep from all harm and danger, the school does likewise for its members.

**Thankfulness:** Just as a sheep is thankful for the safety of a rich environment, so too are we thankful for our school community and all that it offers. We learn to be outward looking, thinking about 'we', as opposed to 'me'. We try in all things to 'give thanks,' to be grateful for what we have and to give to others less fortunate than ourselves. We seek to serve and extend this learning in to a wider world, learning to live!

### **Purpose**

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Hartlip Endowed Church England Primary School is committed in ensuring that our uniform is affordable.

We keep the use of branded items to a minimum, using the supplier School Trends, whom we have sought in the belief that they give priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).

Due to the generosity of our parents, we have high stocks of second-hand uniform available for parents to acquire free of charge. We encourage parents to make use of this provision, given that the only fault with the items is that children have grown out of it!

### **Our School Uniform:**

#### **Branded items**

The only **two** branded items stipulated in our school uniform policy are:

- 1) Red school logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- 2) Coloured Tree Team logo PE shirt (child informed of colour prior to admission)

These items can be obtained on line from School Trends or sourced free of charge from second hand stock.

The remaining items of school uniform can be purchased from most supermarkets and stores. They are as follows:

- White polo shirt
- Dark grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- White/grey/black socks or tights
- Black shoes or trainers

#### **Summer uniform:**

- Red and white checked summer dress
- Grey shorts

#### **Additional Requirements:**

- Long hair is to be tied back at all times with a simple hairband in line with school colours
- Jewellery is not permitted other than small, stud earrings which **must** be removed for PE
- Smart watches are not permitted

We are aware that for some children, the wearing of specific clothing is a challenge in terms of sensory needs. We will of course make reasonable adjustments for any child and family for whom meeting our uniform policy is a challenge.

