## Solid Foundations Primary School

## School Uniform Policy (2024/02)

## Fundamental Principles

- $\quad$ All learners are representatives of the school and should dress with pride and uniformity.
- The school will strive to keep the school uniform cost-effective and practical.


## General

1. The school has both a formal and a casual/ PE uniform (see tables below). It is compulsory for the formal school uniform to be worn to the following occasions for Grade 1-7:
1.1. Once a week on the day that the child attends assembly (Grade 1-3, currently on a Monday and Grade 4-7, currently on a Thursday).
1.2. To field trips (unless specifically stated otherwise).
1.3. To Eisteddfods.
1.4. To the school awards ceremonies.
2. It is compulsory for pupils to wear their casual/PE uniform on the days that they have PE.
3. On any other day (not the PE day or assembly day), the child has the option of wearing either the formal uniform or the casual uniform.
4. Uniforms must be purchased from official uniform suppliers and may not be substituted with alternative look-alikes e.g. school tracksuits may not be substituted with similar black tracksuits bought at regular clothing stores.
5. School tracksuit tops may not be worn with the formal school uniform.
6. A child may wear their "summer" or "winter" uniforms (formal or casual) based on the weather and not on a specific date or season. However, long sleeved shirts (formal or casual) may never be worn with shorts.
7. Pupils may wear civvies on their birthday. If their birthday falls on a weekend or holiday, they may wear civvies on the first school day thereafter.
8. All clothing must be labelled with the pupil's name. Unlabelled clothing is donated without being held in lost and found.

## Preschool

Preschool children wear casual uniforms daily.

## School uniform suppliers

Our school recognises two official uniform suppliers:

## MS Uniforms

92 Monument Street
011-050-7842
076-711-1443

Boundary Silk Bazaar
Corner Pomona Road \& Sarel St
Caryldale
Kempton Park,
011-975-2119

Full description of the school uniform

|  | Formal uniform (Grade 1-7) | Casual uniform (Grade 1-7) | Preschool uniform (Grade RRR-R) |
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|  | Short sleeved plain white school shirts with the school logo embroidered/ printed on the pocket or longsleeved plain white school shirts. (No logo is necessary on long-sleeved shirts). <br> PLEASE NOTE: <br> School shirts that button up fully and are not open-necked (summer or winter) must be worn with a button ribbon or bow tie (Grade 1-3) or alternatively a school tie (Grade 4-7). Open-necked shirts are permissible for summer and winter. Vests or t-shirts worn underneath school shirts must be plain white. They may not be overly visible. | Short-sleeved or long-sleeved grey golf shirts with black collars and embroidered/ printed with the school logo. | Short-sleeved or longsleeved grey golf shirts with black collars embroidered/ printed with the school logo. |


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|  | Summer - girls wear culottes. No plain <br> grey skirts <br> permitted. <br> Winter - girls wear plain grey school trousers or grey culottes worn with dark grey tights (tights are only available from school suppliers - no other shades of grey are permitted). <br> - Boys' pants are either long or short plain grey school pants. <br> PLEASE NOTE: <br> It is compulsory for Grade 5-7 boys wearing trousers with belt loops to wear black belts. | Official school tracksuit pants (no substitutes permitted) or black KDA shorts (long "basketball player length" just off the knee). | Boys' summer pants are plain black KDA (long length) shorts. <br> Girls' summer "pants" are black "skorts". Alternatively, girls may wear plain black KDA (long length) shorts. Girls and boys winter pants are black school tracksuit pants. |


|  | Formal uniform (Grade 1-7) | Casual uniform (Grade 1-7) | Preschool uniform (Grade RRR-R) |
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|  | Maroon school jerseys or pull-overs with the school logo embroidered are permitted. <br> Maroon or black bomber jackets with the school logo embroidered are permitted. <br> Maroon blazers with the school logo embroidered are permitted. <br> Grade 7 pupils are permitted to wear grey school jerseys or pullovers with the school logo printed on them. <br> No dri-macs are permitted from Grade 1 upwards. School tracksuit tops are not permitted to be worn with the formal uniform. | Official school tracksuit tops <br> Black bomber <br> jackets are permitted to be worn with tracksuits <br> PLEASE NOTE: <br> On very cold days pupils may wear their formal jerseys (maroon or grey) under their school tracksuits and/or school bomber jackets over their school tracksuits. | Maroon school jerseys or pull-overs with the school logo embroidered are permitted. <br> Maroon or black school bomber jackets with the school logo embroidered are permitted. <br> Maroon or black drimacs are permitted in preschool. (Note that dri-macs are NOT permitted from Grade 1 upwards). <br> School tracksuit tops are permitted. |


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| $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\sim}{0} \\ & \stackrel{0}{\omega} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Plain black school shoes <br> PLEASE NOTE: <br> If a child is wearing formal uniform, school shoes must be worn during assemblies/special occasions. Otherwise, bare-feet is permitted and school shoes may be removed during the course of the school day and placed by the child in his/her school bag. Should a Gr 1-3 school pupil choose to remove their shoes for breaks, this must be done at the beginning of the break session as no Gr 1-3 pupil may return to class to pack away their shoes during break. Shoes may not be taken off on the playground and left where they were removed. <br> Pupils may not walk in socks or in shoes without socks. | Plain black or white (or combined black and white) takkies. <br> PLEASE NOTE: <br> No boot-takkies (ankle height) permitted. <br> No coloured takkies, coloured laces, coloured logos or coloured heels permitted (black/white ONLY). No loafer-style shoes permitted. <br> Pupils may come to school bare-foot. Alternatively, if they opt for taking off their shoes during the day, they must immediately put their shoes in their bag. <br> Pupils may not walk in socks or in shoes without socks. | Plain black or white (or combined black and white) takkies. <br> PLEASE NOTE: <br> No boot-takkies (ankle height) permitted. <br> No coloured takkies, coloured laces, coloured logos or coloured heels permitted (black/white ONLY). <br> No loafer-style shoes permitted. <br> Preschool pupils may come to school barefoot. If they opt for taking off their shoes during the day, they must immediately put their shoes in their bag. Pupils may not walk in socks or in shoes without socks. |
| $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \tilde{y} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | Plain grey school socks (long or short) for both boys and girls. | Plain grey school socks (long or short) for both boys and girls. | Plain grey school socks (long or short) for both boys and girls. |

## Hair:

Hairstyle rules are applicable for all pupils from Grade RRR to Grade 7

1. All hairstyles will be neat and display daily attention to grooming and basic personal hygiene.
2. It is recommended that all loosely worn hair remain shorter than 7 cm . Loose hair combed upright (afro-style) between 7 and 10 cm may result in the pupil being asked to sit at the back of their class or any assembled group to avoid obscuring visibility for fellow students. In motivated cases, longer afros for girls may be negotiated. Hair combed downwards (bob-style) may not touch the shoulders before being tied up.
3. Boys may not wear any ponies, dreadlocks, extensions, afros longer than 10 cm , braids or bob-hairstyles.
4. If longer than stipulated in point 2 above, girls may not wear ponies in part of their hair while leaving other hair loose to touch collar i.e. "half ponies". This applies to braided hair too.
5. No hairstyles may be "stepped" i.e. hair length may gradually increase or decrease around the head but may not have a stepped difference between long and short pieces adjacent to each other. Therefore, no "comb-overs" either.
6. No hairstyles may include V-shapes (when seen from the back) or a "mohawk" appearance.
7. Flicks, bangs and fringes must be shorter than eyebrow length. Anything longer must be clipped back. Boys hair may not touch ears.
8. Girls may wear up to a maximum of four ponies at a single time.
9. Girls' dreadlocks and extensions are treated as "loose hair" and must be tied up if exceeding 10 cm .
10. All hair accessories are black, grey, white or maroon in colour. No coloured beads are permitted in hair, but transparent beads are permitted. Silver beads (small noodleshaped) are permitted, but not gold.
11. It is recommended that buns not exceed 7 cm in height. Maximum height is 10 cm but any height between 7 and 10 cm may result in the pupil sitting in the back of the class to prevent obscuring visibility for fellow students.
12. No dyed hair colouring permitted. Pupils with dyed hair are requested to dye it back to their natural colour before continuing with schooling.
13. No shaved patterns or pathways are permitted, including no shaved "lightning bolts", pictures, single or double path lines.
14. Baldness or shaving on "number 1" is permitted, but not with a longer "comb over" part of hair adjacent to the shaved hair.

## Jewellery:

1. No visible jewellery is permitted excepting watches and - for girls - small single round stud earrings.
2. Only one earring may be worn per earlobe.
3. Medic alert bracelets may be worn
4. No religious jewellery may be visibly worn without special consent from the principal.
5. Girls earrings may either be plain sterling silver or gold. The earring size that is used to pierce ears is the maximum standard size. Only earrings circular in shape are permitted (e.g. no hearts or stars). SMALL studs with stone centres may only sport clear white stones.
6. No loop earrings are permitted.

## Accessories:

1. Maroon, grey or black scarves, gloves, mittens, balaclavas and beanies may be worn with either formal or casual/PE uniforms.
2. Beanies, gloves, mittens and balaclavas must be removed in class (to facilitate hearing and writing and as a sign of respect).

## Make up and nails:

1. No makeup is permitted.
2. No visible tattoos are permitted (including henna).
3. No nail polish is permitted on fingernails.
4. Nails must be worn short so that if palms are presented the nail cannot be seen over tips of fingers.

## Sports as extra-murals:

1. Sports coaches may require uniforms for both practices and matches.
2. Failure to wear the appropriate uniform may result in loss of a lesson or nonparticipation in a match and parents will not be reimbursed.

## Civvies day and camp clothing:

The school may offer civvies days and civvies day vouchers as a fun or fund-raising venture. On the days that pupils wear civvies, the following rules apply:

1. No make-up, nail polish or jewellery may be worn.
2. No shorts may be worn that are shorter than two hands placed horizontally side-by-side, measured from the knee.
3. No loose hair may be worn. Normal school hair rules still apply.
4. No clothing with skulls, profanity, or fear-inducing images may be worn.
5. No tops exposing midriffs may be worn.

These same rules apply for camp clothing when pupils go on the annual senior primary camp.

## Field trips and special events:

1. The dress code for external field trips and special events held at school will be communicated to parents in writing or via the D6 communicator. This will generally consist of either the formal school uniform or the casual/PE uniform.
2. Students failing to comply with the specified dress code will not be permitted to take part in the trip or event.

## Lost property - PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!! (including shoes and lunch boxes)

1. Items of lost clothing or property that have been labelled and found lying around the school property will be hung outside the hall and returned to the child during morning lineup.
2. Unlabelled items are placed on a rack by the school entrance where the public are invited to help themselves at any time (no cost).
