

Modelled Write: Against school uniform

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### Introduction

I am writing to inform you of my and many other pupil's disgust at the uniform policy at Priory Junior School. Being forced to wear uniform is disastrous for pupils; disastrous for their family; disastrous for the school community. Surely, a school environment is a place for children to be themselves. Do the teachers all wear uniform? Are the teachers limited by the colours they wear? Do they have to suppress their identity?

Sentence 1: repetition for effect

Being forced to wear uniform is (adjective) for \_\_\_\_\_; (adjective) for \_\_\_\_\_; (adjective) for \_\_\_\_\_.

Plan: negative adjective:

terrible

horrendous

awful

nightmarish

Who does it affect? pupils/ parents/ family/ community/ grandparents/ children/ teachers

Sentence 2: adverb for possibility

(adverb), a school environment is \_\_\_\_\_

Adverb:

surely

clearly

obviously

certainly

evidently

Sentence 3: rhetorical questions

3 rhetorical questions to ask the reader about having to wear uniform- Head teacher in this case

## 1<sup>st</sup> Point

As I'm sure you are aware, uniforms- which often need to be replaced- are an expensive item to buy. 94% of schools in the UK have a school uniform and parents spend as much as £200 on each child- that is a staggering amount of money spent on clothes that children quickly grow out of. Even you must understand the pressure this is causing families. You can have the power to change the policy!

### Sentence 1: relative clause

As I'm sure you are aware, uniforms- (relative clause)- are expensive items to buy.

which often need to be replaced

which children quickly grow out of

which get dirty easily

which need to be replaced often

### Sentence 2: facts and statistics

(fact) and (fact)- that is a staggering amount of money spent on clothes (relative clause- different reason from above). optional

### Facts:

parents spend £200 on uniform

£4000 on uniform for child throughout education

facts on sheet

### Sentence 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> person & modal verbs

Even you must \_\_\_\_\_. You \_\_\_\_\_!

### Plan:

Even you must understand the pressure parents are under.

Even you must understand the rising cost of school uniforms.

Even you must appreciate how difficult this is for families to afford.

Even you must feel bad about the cost of uniforms.

You can have the power to change the policy!

You should think again about this policy!

You can make a change!

You can help them!

You really should make a change now!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> point

Furthermore, school uniform always stops children from looking like individuals. How would you feel if you were banned from expressing your identity? Without a doubt, a school should be a place to celebrate diversity; wearing uniform does not teach that everyone in the world looks different. This is an injustice to life!

### Sentence 1: adverbs

(adding adverb), school uniform (adverb for time) stops children from looking like individuals.

additionally	always- synonym
furthermore	continually
moreover	constantly
in addition	continuously

### Sentence 2: rhetorical question

How would you feel if \_\_\_\_\_?

How would you feel if you could not wear what you wanted?

How would you feel if you could only wear one colour?

How would you feel if you had to be the same as everyone else?

### Sentence 3: semi-colon

Without a doubt, a school should \_\_\_\_\_; wearing uniform does not \_\_\_\_\_.

a school should embrace diversity

a school should be happy that its children are all different

a school should enjoy seeing the children dressed differently.

wearing uniform does not teach diversity

forcing uniform does not allow children to express themselves

wearing uniform does not develop a child's character/ personality

### Sentence 4: exaggeration

This is \_\_\_\_\_ !

This is an injustice!

This is disgusting!

This is disgraceful!

This is letting the school down!

This is ruining children's lives!

### Conclusion

Although I understand that uniforms can keep children safe on a school trip, I feel that their cost is too great. Missing out on expressing my personality, I have been forced to wear uniforms my whole school life. I beg you to reconsider the policy and consider the happiness of your pupils.

### **Sentence 1:** subordinate conjunction

(subordinate conjunction) I understand that (opposing reason), I feel that their cost it too great.

Although

Even though

Though

While

### **Sentence 2:** -ing opener ( must use words: forced, uniform, personality) Discuss emphasis of moving clause to the front.

Having been forced to wear uniform at school, I have missed out on sharing my personality.

Being forced to wear a uniform, I have struggled to be myself.

Removing my right to share my personality, I have been forced to wear uniform throughout my school life.

### **Sentence 3:** 2<sup>nd</sup> person

I beg you .....

I beg you to change the policy.

I beg you to take action.

I beg you to think about your pupils.

I beg you save families and their money.