



# School Uniform Policy

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the expectations for school uniform and pupil appearance at Woodside Primary School. The school expects all pupils to wear the correct uniform when attending school, travelling to and from school, and when representing the school in the community.

The school believes that a consistent school uniform:

- promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school
- supports equality between pupils
- helps pupils focus on learning rather than fashion or peer pressure
- contributes to a safe and purposeful learning environment
- ensures clothing is practical for school activities.

## 2. Legal Framework

This policy has been developed in accordance with:

- Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021
- Department for Education Guidance on School Uniform
- Equality Act 2010
- Human Rights Act 1998

The school ensures that the uniform policy:

- is reasonable and proportionate
- minimises the number of compulsory branded items to a maximum of 3 items to reduce uniform costs
- is affordable for families
- does not discriminate against pupils with protected characteristics

Where appropriate, reasonable adjustments will be made for pupils with disabilities, medical conditions, or religious requirements.

## 3. Cost and Affordability

The school recognises that the cost of uniform can place pressure on families and therefore commits to ensuring that:

- most items can be purchased from a range of retailers
- branded items are kept to a minimum of 3 items
- pre-loved uniform is available from the school
- support is available for families experiencing financial difficulty. Parents who require support can contact the school office

## 4. Availability of Uniform

Branded Uniform

- School sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts can be purchased from: <https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/> and Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley.
- Most other uniform items can be purchased from high street retailers or supermarkets

## 5. Pre-Loved Uniform and Sustainability

The school supports sustainability and recognises the importance of reducing uniform costs. Pre-loved uniform items are available through the school office for a small voluntary contribution. Donations of uniform are welcomed.

All items are:

- clean
- in good condition
- ready to wear

## 6. School Uniform: Everyday Uniform – See appendix A for checklist

Nursery and School pupils are expected to wear:

- Plaid Skirt, pinafore dress or school uniform trousers – grey (not black)
- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (desirable - Woodside Primary School and Nursery logo)
- Emerald green polo shirt, tucked in and buttons done up (desirable Woodside Primary School and Nursery logo)
- Plain black or grey socks worn with grey trousers or opaque navy tights or navy socks worn with plaid skirt or pinafore dress (no other colours or patterns for socks and tights).
- Flat sensible black school shoes (no slippers, ballet, wedge type, nor pumps, trainers or suede boots). No logos (e.g. Nike ticks etc).
- Hair bobbles/bows/ribbons – should be green or navy blue only. No hair patterns (e.g. tram-lines)

Optional – School uniform grey trousers or navy leggings under plaid skirt or pinafore dress and polo shirts should be worn neatly tucked in.

Trousers must be smart and tailored. Denim or denim-style trousers are not permitted.

The full all year round uniform may be worn every school day or if you prefer during the summer months we have an optional summer uniform.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

- Gingham navy blue summer dress with opaque navy tights, or navy or white socks
- Grey uniform shorts with grey socks
- Sandals may be worn but must be sensible and black, white or navy in colour

## 7. Physical Education (PE) Kit

Pupils should wear:

- Navy Shorts
- Emerald green t-shirt (desirable Woodside logo)
- Navy jogging trousers (no leggings) no logos
- Navy PE bag
- Black Pumps
- For safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed before PE lessons

If a child arrives without the correct PE kit, then where possible, the school may provide **spare PE kit** so the child can still participate safely in the lesson.

## 8. Forest School and Outdoor Learning

Forest School sessions form an important part of the curriculum and involve outdoor learning activities. Pupils should wear clothing that is comfortable, practical and appropriate for outdoor conditions.

## Recommended Outdoor Learning Clothing

- Long-sleeved top
- Long trousers or jogging bottoms
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (recommended)
- Wellington boots or sturdy footwear
- Warm layers during colder weather

Arms and legs should be covered to help protect against scratches, insects and plants.

Jewellery should not be worn and long hair should be tied back.

Parents will be informed in advance when Forest School sessions take place.

## 9. Swimming

Swimming forms part of the Physical Education curriculum. Pupils attending swimming lessons should bring:

- A swimming costume or swimming trunks/shorts
- A towel
- A named bag for wet clothing

### Additional Requirements

- Long hair should be tied back
- Jewellery must be removed before entering the pool
- Goggles may be worn if permitted by the swimming provider

Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. If earrings cannot be removed, pupils may be unable to participate in swimming activities. Parents will be informed of swimming sessions in advance.

## 10. Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery should be kept to a minimum.

Permitted jewellery includes:

- A single pair of small stud earrings
- One signet ring
- A watch

Smart watches or watches with communication, recording, or internet capability are not permitted in school. Jewellery must be removed for PE, swimming and sporting activities for health and safety reasons. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings, and plasters may not be worn over them.

**Parents wishing to have their child's ears pierced are advised to do so at the start of the summer holidays to allow sufficient time for healing before PE lessons resume.**

## 11. Hair and Hairstyles

Hair should be clean, tidy and appropriate for school.

The following are not permitted:

- extreme hairstyles (e.g. mohicans)
- shaved patterns or decorative lines
- bright or artificial hair colours

Styling products should be kept to a minimum.

### Hair Accessories

Hair bands, ribbons and bows should be:

- plain
- small

- in school colours where possible
- Large decorative accessories should not be worn.

## **12. Make-Up and Nails**

To maintain a smart and appropriate school environment:

- Make-up should not be worn
- False eyelashes are not permitted
- Nail varnish should not be worn
- False or acrylic nails are not permitted

## **13. Uniform Expectations**

Pupils are expected to arrive at school clean, tidy and dressed appropriately. Uniform should be worn correctly throughout the school day, including:

- polo shirts tucked in
- appropriate footwear

If a pupil arrives wearing incorrect uniform, parents may be contacted where concerns arise.

## **14. Lost Property**

Lost property boxes are located in the pastoral rooms.

Parents should speak with the class teacher if their child has lost an item.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name and class.

## **15. Equality and Inclusion**

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

Requests for adjustments to the uniform policy for religious, cultural or medical reasons will be considered sympathetically. Parents should contact the Executive Headteacher in the first instance, and where appropriate the Board of Trustees.

## **16. Roles and Responsibilities**

### *Board of Trustees*

The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring the uniform policy:

- complies with legislation
- reflects the needs of the school community
- remains affordable

### *Executive Headteacher*

The Executive Headteacher is responsible for:

- implementing the policy
- ensuring expectations are applied fairly
- addressing any concerns raised by parents

### *Staff*

Staff are responsible for:

- monitoring adherence to the uniform policy
- addressing concerns appropriately
- supporting pupils and families where difficulties arise

### *Parents and Carers*

Parents and carers are expected to:

- ensure their child attends school wearing the correct uniform
- clearly label all clothing
- raise concerns through the appropriate school procedures

### **17. Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees **every two years**, or sooner if changes to legislation or government guidance occur.

# School Uniform Checklist for Parents (Appendix A)

In line with the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021, the school ensures that:

- uniform requirements are reasonable
- branded items are kept to a minimum
- uniform items are widely available from multiple retailers
- second-hand uniform is available.

The school will review its uniform policy regularly to ensure continued affordability for families.

Please use this checklist to ensure your child is dressed correctly for school each day.

## Everyday Uniform

Nursery to year 6 children

Winter uniform: September – February

- Plaid skirt, pinafore dress or grey school uniform trousers (*not black*)
- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (*Woodside Primary School and Nursery logo desirable*)
- Emerald green polo shirt, tucked in with buttons done up (*logo desirable*)
- Plain black or grey socks (*with trousers*) OR navy socks / opaque navy tights (*with skirt or pinafore dress*)
- Flat, sensible black school shoes (*no slippers, ballet shoes, wedges, pumps, trainers, or suede boots; no logos such as Nike ticks*)
- Hair accessories (if worn) in green or navy blue only

Water bottle

Optional:

- Grey school uniform trousers or navy leggings worn under a plaid skirt or pinafore dress

Summer Uniform (Optional – February Half Term to July)

- Navy blue gingham summer dress with opaque navy tights, navy or white socks
- Grey uniform shorts with grey socks
- Sensible sandals in black, white, or navy only
- Water bottle

Physical Education (PE) Kit

- Navy shorts
- Emerald green t-shirt (*Woodside logo desirable*)
- Navy jogging trousers (*no leggings, no logos*)
- Navy PE bag
- Black pumps

Safety requirement:

- All jewellery must be removed before PE lessons

### Forest School / Outdoor Learning Clothing

- Weather-appropriate outdoor clothing (*layers recommended*)
- Long-sleeved top and long trousers (*to protect arms and legs*)
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (*recommended in wet weather*)
- Warm jumper or fleece
- Wellington boots or sturdy outdoor shoes
- Thick socks (*especially in colder weather*)
- Hat, gloves and scarf (*in colder months*)
- Sun hat and sun cream (*in warmer months*)

### Swimming Kit

- One-piece swimsuit (*for girls*) or swimming trunks (*for boys – no long shorts*)
- Towel
- Swimming cap (*if required by the swimming venue*)
- Goggles (*optional, if permitted*)
- Bag for wet items

If you have any questions about the uniform, please contact the school office for clarification.

