



Willow Wood Community Primary School School Uniform Policy

Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in school in line with our ethos.
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards school.
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline.
- Is practical and smart.
- Identifies the children with the school and encourages identity with the school.
- Prevents children coming to school in fashionable and ‘designer’ label clothes that could be distracting in class, create a sense of competition or lead to unkind comments or even bullying.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school activities and is good value for money.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

<u>General Uniform</u>	<u>PE Kit</u>
White polo shirt / white school shirt (branded or unbranded) Bottle Green jumper or cardigan with the school logo (branded or unbranded) Grey skirts or trousers (unbranded) Gingham dress or shorts (summer term only - unbranded) Black shoes or all black trainers (no coloured markings)	White T-shirt Black shorts Grey Joggers (branded) Trainers / plimsoles

In accordance with the DfE Uniform Guidance, no more than three items of uniform are to be branded.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance e.g. a crucifix. These **must** be removed during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels or are flip-flop style shoes. We do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

Hair

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair must be tied up in PE and for swimming. Where possible in swimming, children need to wear a swimming cap. No outlandish hair styles will be accepted; particularly where they could be culturally offensive.

Nails

For health and safety reasons false or acrylic nails are not permitted to be worn as this not only hinders the children's ability to write but they can also get caught and cause injury to self or others.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work and activities. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform that is clean and in good repair. If parents are unable to do this, they are requested to call at the office to discuss any issues and school will try to support and help where possible.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy they should make a representation in the first instance to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and is implemented after consideration of the DfE uniform guidelines and our work with Children North East and Poverty Proofing. Governors ensure that the uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing and practical.

School seeks to support parents with the cost of uniform and therefore children entering both our nursery class and Reception class are gifted items of school uniform to support parents financially.

We also seek to support parents through the recycling and sharing of uniform from parents of school leavers or where it is outgrown. Please ask at the school office if any items are required and school will be happy to support wherever possible.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents to ensure that they agree and support the policy.
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to governors on the way school uniform policy is implemented.

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