



White Woods
Primary Academy Trust



Whiston Worrygoose J and I School

School Uniform Policy

Review Date: September 2025

Statement of intent

Our policy has been created with health and safety, value for money, and practicality at its heart. It has been designed to ensure pupils wear clothing conducive to a successful learning environment. It is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging and community through a smart and practical uniform. (Photographic examples of School Uniform can be found on the school's website).

We believe a uniform allows all pupils, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for activities to be facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing such as sports specific attire.

Whiston Worrygoose Junior and Infant School is committed to ensuring equality and value for money, and that no pupil is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background – this policy contains provisions to meet these objectives.

Legislative framework

This policy has due regard to statutory legislation and national guidance, including, but not limited to the following:

- The Education and Inspections Act 2006
- The Education Act 2011
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The Equality Act 2010
- The School Admissions Code 2014
- DfE (2013) 'School uniform'

1. Cost and availability

1.1. Under The School Admissions Code 2014, the school must ensure that “policies around school uniform or school trips do not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child”. DfE (2014) 'School Admissions Code', para 1.8

1.2. Whiston Worrygoose Junior and Infant School is committed to fulfilling the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care has been taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and potential pupils, and that the best value for money is

secured through reputable suppliers.

1.3. Whiston Worrygoose Junior and Infant School works with multiple suppliers to obtain the best value for money possible. Any savings negotiated are passed to parents/carers where possible.

1.4. The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash back arrangements.

1.5. The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils when considering changes to school uniforms.

1.6. Where wholesale changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

2. Religious clothing

2.1. Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. Whiston Worrygoose Junior and Infant School does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school must weigh the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community. The school endeavours to allow most religious requirements to be met.

2.2. Parents'/carers' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the headteacher and governing body, and always in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy.

3. Equality

3.1. The school is required to ensure that the Uniform Policy does not discriminate unlawfully. Every step has been taken by Whiston Worrygoose Junior and Infant School to ensure that the cost of uniforms are not disproportionate.

4. Complaints and challenges

4.1. The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy.

4.2. When a complaint is received, the school works with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

4.3. Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

5. Non-compliance

- 5.1. Teachers are permitted to discipline pupils for breaching the Uniform Policy, in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.**
- 5.2. The headteacher, or a person authorised by the headteacher, is permitted to ask a pupil to briefly go home to remedy breaches of the school's Uniform Policy or request a parent to bring an alternative that meets uniform requirements.**
- 5.3. When deciding whether to allow a pupil to return home, the school takes into account the pupil's age and vulnerability, the length of time it will take, and the availability of the pupil's parents/carers. Parents will be requested to collect their child from school if unable to provide a change of clothing to school.**
- 5.4. Where a pupil has been sent home to rectify uniform breaches, the absence will be recorded as 'authorised'.**
- 5.5. If a pupil repeatedly breaches uniform rules or takes longer than necessary to rectify the absence, the absence will be counted as 'unauthorised'.**
- 5.6. Parents/carers are notified in all cases.**

6. PE kits

- 6.1. Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child brings their PE kit to school when needed. Photographic examples of the school's PE kit can be found on the school website.**

7. Footwear

- 7.1. Black shoes or plain black trainers should be worn. If a pupil needs to wear wellington boots to travel to school in comfort, they must have their normal school shoes with them to change into. In EYFS Wellington boots can be stored in school for regular access to outdoor play in all weathers.**
- 7.2. Pupils are expected to wear a pair of indoor shoes whilst in school. These should be plain black pumps, a pair of 'indoor' trainers or sensible slippers.**

8. Jewellery

- 8.1. One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are acceptable.**
- 8.2. Pupils are not permitted to wear any other jewellery in the school grounds, due to health and safety risks.**

9. Make-up

9.1. Whiston Worrygoose Junior and Infant School does not consider make-up appropriate and pupils are not permitted to wear any such products; however, there may be exceptions in extreme circumstances, at the headteacher's discretion (i.e. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage).

9.2. Pupils are not permitted to wear false nails due to health and safety risks.

10. Labelling

10.1. All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.

11. Policy review

11.1. This policy is reviewed every two years by the chair of governors and the headteacher.