

West Exmoor Federation



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our federation policy that all children wear our federation uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours (unless otherwise stated). A complete list of acceptable items for uniform can be found in this policy.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for federation uniform is based on the notion that uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the federation
- Provides a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children within the federation
- Creates peer equality in terms of appearance
- Is designed with Health & Safety in mind

Uniform at the West Exmoor Federation

Our federation uniform comprises of the following:

- Grey shorts, trousers or skirt
- White, green or gold polo shirt (either branded or unbranded)
- Green sweatshirt or fleece (branded or unbranded)
- In warmer months children may wear a green checked dress
- White, grey or black socks/tights
- Black shoes or black trainers (no heels or open toes)

For PE, children should wear the following:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Federation sports hoody (initial hoody provided free of charge)
- Black joggers, shorts or skirt
- Trainers
- Swimming costume or jammers (no bikinis or board shorts) – summer term only

Where to Buy Uniform

Branded Federation Uniform (jumpers, fleeces, polo-shirts and sports hoodies) is available from the following suppliers:

School Threads (online only)

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/west-exmoor-federation>

Excel Embroidery & Print

<https://www.excelembroidery.co.uk/schools>

Uniform can also be purchased from local supermarkets, as long as the clothing items bought are the correct federation colours. Good quality second hand uniform is also available from each of our schools for a small donation to the PTFA – please ask a member of our admin team for assistance.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name as this makes it so much easier to return lost items to their rightful owners. Lost property which is not reclaimed after a reasonable period of time will either be donated to a local charity shop or laundered and added to our second-hand uniform stock.

Jewellery & Makeup

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our federation. The exceptions to this rule include earring studs in pierced ears, a watch and jewellery linked to religion. Children must remove or cover these items during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. No makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.

Extreme Hairstyles

The federation does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children and are not in keeping with the vision and values of the federation. This includes patterns shaved into the hair, excessive use of hair products and false hair (unless worn for medical reasons). The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the leadership team.

The role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents/carers, who send their children to our federation, to support the uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school dressed correctly and ready for their daily learning. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. If there are serious reasons, for example, on religious grounds or SEND needs, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the federation uniform, the federation will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Teachers and Support Staff

All staff will set a good example in terms of dress. This should be determined by smart professional dress and can be varied according to the activities being taught. For example, PE should be taught in appropriate clothing and footwear. Clothing worn by staff should be clean, promote modesty and avoid logos/slogans that could be considered inappropriate or political.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the federation uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents/cares regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the federation uniform meets regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the federation uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher will ensure that children and staff comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body. The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the federation uniform throughout the federation community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline across the federation.