



Woodsetts Primary

School Uniform Policy

Responsibility	SLT
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Introduction

Both the staff and Governors are in support of a uniformed dress code guided by the principles in our Uniform Policy. We believe this helps create a strong sense of identity for the school. It may also stop children competing in the "fashion stakes", as well as proving cheaper to families in the long run.

Woodsetts Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money, and to ensuring 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.

This policy is written in line with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms (November 2021) and the Equality Act 2010. The school is committed to ensuring its uniform is affordable, inclusive, and does not create barriers for any pupils. This is also in line with the following guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

This 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. 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.

Aims of policy/ Linked to School Vision

At Woodsetts Primary we intend to create communicative, collaborative and creative learners who are ambitious and enthusiastic in their approach to learning. Children are encouraged to develop lively, enquiring minds, to become self-motivated, confident and capable in order to solve problems. This is our CARE ethos.

We believe that creating a sense of belonging through the wearing of a school uniform promotes an atmosphere which encourages our CARE ethos and is also a celebration of the achievements of all of our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

Woodsetts Primary recognises and supports the rights of pupils to wear religious or culturally significant clothing in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. Where this differs from the standard school uniform, the school will work collaboratively with families to agree an appropriate adjustment that preserves inclusion and safety.

We believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

1 Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Blue zip-up fleece or jacket
- Blue sweatshirt (ideally with school logo on)
- Blue or white Polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers – no ripped or patterned denim
- Grey or black skirt
- Grey pinafore
- Black or dark coloured, flat sensible, safe, shoes

Ideally, sweatshirts and, where possible, polo shirts, will have a copy of our official school logo on to strengthen school identity. Items with our logo on can be purchased through authorised vendors. These items often provide a cost effective solution for families. A link will be provided through our school website. Items can be ordered directly with the vendor but school will accept delivery to support families if this helps.

2 Summer Options

- Shorts – ideally black, blue or grey
- Blue Gingham dresses
- Suitable cap or hat to protect from the sun

3 PE Kit

PE kit is to be worn on the designated PE days. This is to help increase time in PE lessons and with safeguarding.

- White polo shirt or white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit/jogger bottoms
- Plimsolls or trainers

Please note: We ask for football kits not to be worn as these tend to be high value and school cannot accept responsibility for any damage. They can also be divisive with children supporting different teams. Our

PE kit is fully gender-neutral and focuses on comfort, functionality, and modesty. Pupils may choose to wear shorts, joggers, or leggings based on their preference and need.

4 Jewellery

- It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing. Some items could also lead to injury of the child or others during physical activities. Should a pupil have pierced ears, we ask that plain studs should only be worn. Large 'dangly' earrings can lead to injury. In order to comply with health and safety regulations, earrings must be covered with a plaster or medical tape during all PE activities if they are not able to be removed by the child. School staff are not able to remove earrings. We also ask that rings and chains/necklaces are not worn for safety.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost, broken or stolen.

5 Watches

- Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed before any PE lessons. We ask that SMART watches (e.g. Apple Watch, FitBit etc.) are not worn for school.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost, stolen or broken.

6 Make Up

- No makeup or nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.

7 Equipment

- In line with safeguarding and health and safety law, no pupils are permitted to bring knives or any potentially harmful tools or items into school.
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Head teacher. This includes SMART phone watches or wearable technology. If parents require these to be brought in (e.g., for safety walking home alone, the Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy should be adhered to)
- Pupils must not carry any medication unless agreed in advance with the school. Only emergency medication (e.g. inhalers, epipens) may be kept with pupils if prescribed and documented through a healthcare plan.

- No 'swap' cards i.e. Pokemon cards, unless there has been phase group permission
- No inappropriate books, DVDs or magazines
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose e.g. tuck shop at break times.
- Bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited. They must not feature inappropriate images, slogans or phrases.

8 **Hair**

- We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour.
- Long hair should be tied back during Physical Education lessons for safety.
- Bandana style headbands and excessive hair accessories are not to be worn; however, plain hair clips, bows or bands are acceptable.
- The school reserves the right to make a judgement on the suitability of pupils' hair and appearance.
- Pupils with what could be deemed extreme hairstyles may be exempt from the rule above on racial or religious grounds, taking into consideration each individual pupil's scenario.

9 **Labelling**

- We ask that all pupils' clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name. Name labels can be purchased via our website or this can be in pen.
- Any lost clothing will be taken to the lost property box in the Community Room. Should your time have lost an item, please ask them to speak to their teacher or see our Office Team who will be happy to help.
- All lost property is retained for one term and is disposed of if it is not collected within this time.

All the items in our uniform policy outlined above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school. Items can also be purchased via our school website. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

Woodsetts Wardrobe

We also offer 'pre-loved' uniform which is freely available to our families each week through our Woodsetts Wardrobe. This will be put out in our Main Entrance area and families can help themselves to donated items of school uniform.

Roles and Responsibilities

The head teacher and senior leadership team are responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing board.
- Providing pupils with an exemption as appropriate, e.g. for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

Pupils who are not in correct uniform will be gently reminded by staff and supported to comply. No child will be sanctioned or excluded for failing to wear uniform if the reason relates to financial hardship, sensory needs, or a protected characteristic. In such cases, staff will sensitively engage with parents to resolve the issue and explore solutions such as access to pre-loved items or agreed adjustments.

Teachers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Reminding pupils of and supporting families with alternatives, when they are in breach of this policy.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g. school identity.

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the head teacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why (e.g. medical reason)
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the head teacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community.

Cost, Branding, and Access

Woodsetts Primary aims to keep the cost of uniform to a minimum by:

- Limiting branded items to essential identity wear (e.g. one sweatshirt or polo with logo)
- Ensuring all basic items are available from high street retailers and supermarkets
- Providing regular access to high-quality second-hand uniform via the Woodsetts Wardrobe
- Making no requirement for specialist suppliers or unnecessary logos

Equality

All pupils have the right to wear school uniform regardless of their race, religion, sex, gender reassignment, disability, or socioeconomic background. The school recognises and accommodates legitimate variations where they relate to protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. Adjustments to uniform will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with parents or carers. This includes cultural or religious dress, gender identity, sensory needs, and reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities or SEND.

Communication of the policy

This policy will be shared with Governors and/or Directors of our Trust (WWPAT) annually. It will be made available to all stakeholders via our school website and stored on our internal school network for staff reference.