

# **Woodcote Primary School School Uniform Policy**



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## Principles

It is our expectation that all children will wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

We provide a complete list of the items required for children's school uniform in this policy and on our website. We ask for the co-operation of parents in following this policy and ensuring that pupils are appropriately dressed for all aspects of school life.

## Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## Uniform:

### For everyday:

- grey trousers or a grey skirt
- White, black or grey socks / tights
- a white polo shirt with our school embroidered logo \*
- a sweatshirt or cardigan with the embroidered logo \*
- an optional school fleece is also available with the embroidered logo \*

We request that children have at least one of the embroidered white polo shirts for events, trips and if they are wearing it on the top layer of their daily uniform. Other plain shirts can be worn when underneath a cardigan or jumper with the logo.

In winter children can wear plain white or black base layers if they feel they need one.

In summer, a choice of :

- grey summer shorts
- blue and white plain gingham summer dress, without layers and frills
- grey pinafore over a white polo

At all times, shoulder-length hair or longer should be tied back and hair bands or ties should be small, simple, plain dark or navy blue

### Shoes:

- black shoes - not trainers
- Sandals should be enclosed - no open toes or heels

### For PE:

- a blue polo shirt with the logo and school name embroidered on the back \*
- blue shorts (in winter plain blue/black joggers or leggings)
- trainers and plimsolls / indoor trainers (both are required for different activities)
- long hair must be tied up for PE

All items marked with an \* are available from our ParentMail Shop. Those not marked with an \* can be purchased from any high street store or supermarket, enabling parents to shop around for the best deal.

### **Pre-loved Uniform**

All items of uniform are available from FOWPS as pre-loved items. Regular sales are held throughout the year but please ask at the school office or a FOWPS member directly and we will action your request at other times as soon as is possible.

### **Coats and Bags**

A school fleece is available but not required. Parents are asked to consider the size of the cloakrooms and the peg areas your child has when purchasing a coat and a bag for school. These areas are tight and it is not necessary for children to have large bags or extremely puffy coats.

**Book bags** are available from the school office or through the ParentMail shop. Whilst these are encouraged, they are not compulsory. However, all children will need a small bag in which to place their reading book, homework and any information sent home.

### **Swimming Kit**

Children are required to wear a one-piece swimming costume or swimming trunks (not baggy shorts for health and safety reasons.) Children will also require a swimming hat. There is no requirement for school-specific colours or swimming kit. Hats can be purchased from the school office or elsewhere. Parents will be informed of the term your child is swimming.

### **Jewellery**

Make up and fashion jewellery are not acceptable or appropriate for school. Standard watches may be worn but parents are reminded that pupils must be responsible for their own property and watches will be removed if they become a distraction during lessons. We expect that watches and other jewellery will be removed for PE, this may include Fitbits, Apple Watches and other monitoring watches, where it becomes a distraction from the curriculum or for reasons of Health and Safety.

A single earring in each ear, i.e. a small stud earring, may be worn by children with pierced ears but for Health and Safety reasons children will be expected to either remove their earrings or cover them with tape during PE sessions.

Long hair must be tied back; nail polish and visible, temporary tattoos are not appropriate in school and should not be worn.

### **Accessibility**

The School and the Governing Body recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable. The school will also ensure that parents and carers know about any local authority schemes that can provide school clothing grants or other help towards the cost of school clothing.

Pupils entitled to Pupil Premium funding will be provided with either a school jumper or cardigan, a PE t-shirt and a white polo shirt with logo, free of charge, each year– please speak to office staff.

The School and the Governing Body is committed to its obligations to accommodate reasonable religious or cultural requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of gender, race, religion or belief.

If you require any information about school uniform, please speak to a member of our office staff.

**Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly named.** If they are pre-loved items, please put your own child's name in the clothing over the top of the name of the previous owner so it can be returned to your child, should it be mislaid.

### **Monitoring**

This policy will be monitored via Parent feedback and if any changes to Statutory requirements, uniform costs or suppliers arise. It will be reviewed fully every three years.