

## **Uniform Policy**

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At Whittington CE (VA) Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well-presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

We ask children to wear uniform proudly in order to encourage taking pride in their personal appearance. Throughout this policy, we emphasise our commitment to supporting parents in managing expectation and cost of uniform.

We believe that within an effective uniform policy framework, there should be room for children to be comfortable, to express personality, and to make allowances for individual circumstances.

### ***Aims and objectives***

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies children with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Is practical, smart, and designed with safety and learning in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

Some items of uniform can be bought through school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. School does not require that parents buy uniform branded with the school logo, though we understand that some parents prefer to.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is below.

### ***Jewellery, Hair Ornaments and Make-up***

- For safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears.
- Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.
- Hair bands should not have large accessories or other decoration attached.
- Make up should not be worn to school.

### ***Hair***

- We do not believe that it is the place of school to oversee how children have their hair cut and styled.

### ***Footwear***

- For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes that are unsuited to comfortable working and active learning.
- All children are required to wear plain black or white shoes or trainers.

### ***The Role of Parents***

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. It is also the responsibility of parents to support children in learning the skills of dressing independently and taking personal responsibility for their possessions. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling these requests, they are asked to speak discretely to a senior member of staff to discuss supportive options. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically.

If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher and then the Governors.

### **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 Monitoring and Review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **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 with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

### **School Uniform List**

Red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan	Items with logos are available but are not mandatory
A white or red polo shirt or summer dress	
Black or dark grey shorts, trousers or skirts.	Children in Reception and Key Stage I may wear black or dark grey joggers.
Socks	Feel free to express yourself!
Plain black or white shoes or trainers	Branding to be kept to a minimum.

### **P.E. Kit**

A PE t-shirt	Items with logos are available but are not mandatory
Plain shorts and/or joggers	
Outerwear for colder weather (school jumper or plain fleece or hoodie)	
Plain black or white shoes or trainers	

**Reception – Year 4:** PE kit is to be worn to school on days that children have PE lessons (i.e. children can remain in PE kit all day). This is in order to maximise learning time.

**Year 5 and 6** children may come to school in PE kit and will need uniform to change into. By this age, we give children more responsibility for their possession and personal hygiene.

### **Forest School**

Old clothing, suitable for outdoors.	There is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing!
Wellies*	
Waterproof coat and trousers	
Wooly hat	
Forest School kit bag	
Spare underclothes	

When children have Forest School, they should come to school in their outdoor clothes, with wellies and waterproofs in a separate kit bag.

\*Reception children should have a pair of wellies in school at all times, left in class.