



Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

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. Some items of uniform can be bought from 'Just for Kids', whilst the majority are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our School Handbook.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

2. Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

We believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

3. Jewellery, Watches, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobile phones are not permitted.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and navy blue in colour. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions including dyed or streaked hair, gelled hair, closely cropped/shaved head, patterned styles with words/lines, pictures or logos shaved in or styles such as Mohicans, spikes etc. Natural hair only - we want children to stand out for learning reasons only. If you are unsure whether a hairstyle is appropriate for school, please ask the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher before having it done.

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The use of hair styling products should be kept to a minimum. The use of visible strong smelling hair products is not allowed. This also helps with health and safety in P.E. because some of the styling products can come off onto the PE mats, causing them to have a slippery surface which is obviously dangerous

All children, both girls and boys, must tie their hair back for all lessons when it is long enough. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band to tie hair up with.

4. 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 written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit.

Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds or SEND sensory needs, 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 a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

If your child is pupil premium, the school will endeavour to support you with purchasing school uniform if required. Please speak with reception staff in the first instance or contact the headteacher.

5. The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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 opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe, practical and provides 'value for money'.

6. The role of the Headteacher

It is the responsibility of the head teacher to ensure that the school uniform policy is implemented and adhered to.

7. School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is simple and most items can be bought from high street shops/supermarkets. Clothing with the Werrington logo can be purchased from 'Just for Kids' on Washerwall Lane.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black. Children who wear boots that

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prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes whilst inside the building.

Acceptable		Unacceptable	
			
			
			
			

All children (Nursery – Year 6) should choose from:

- navy jumper, cardigan or fleece (hoodies or designer jumpers are not part of the uniform)
- plain white shirt or polo shirt*
- plain grey trousers or skirt
- blue gingham dress
- grey, tailored shorts
- grey or white socks/tights
- shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently.

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For PE all children (Nursery – Year 6) should have:

- PE bag*
- white t-shirt*
- dark PE shorts or track-suit bottoms*
- plimsolls/trainers – Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children

Items marked with a * above, which have the embroidered school logo, can be purchased from 'Just for Kids'. Plain versions purchased at all major retailers are fine.

All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, other than 'Werrington Primary School'. For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. Additionally, long hair must be tied back.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name so that it can be easily identified if lost. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

School bags do not need to be branded. They should have the child's name clearly written on them and should be small, ideally no larger than 45 x 27cm.

8. 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.

*The school introduced moved from a royal blue uniform to a navy blue uniform in May 2021. There is a 16 month transition period for families to phase out their royal blue uniform. All pupils will be expected to be wearing the navy blue uniform by September 2022