



# Uniform Policy

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Friendship, Community, Faith

## School Uniform Policy

### WHITLEY CHAPEL C of E FIRST SCHOOL

#### 1. Aims and objectives

1.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind

1.2 It is our policy that all children wear **compulsory** school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event within normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform below:

#### All year round

- Yellow polo shirt (with or without the Whitley Chapel logo)
- Bottle green jumper or cardigan with or without the Whitley Chapel logo
- Grey/black: trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- Black or Grey socks or tights
- Plain **black** school shoes or trainers

#### In the summer

- A green & white or yellow & white gingham dress may be worn

In the case of a gender non-conforming or nonbinary student, there is the right to dress and wear hairstyles in a gender non-conforming manner.

**UNIFORM ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL TRENDS BUT AS LONG AS THE ITEMS ARE THE CORRECT COLOURS THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE BRANDED.**

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/>

#### P.E. Kit

- Bottle green shorts
- Yellow, round neck t-shirt (no buttons or fastenings)
- Black, green or grey jogging bottoms
- Plain socks
- PE plimsolls
- Green drawstring P.E. bag (clearly named)

*All uniform, PE kits, bags, coats, shoes and wellies should be **clearly labelled** with the child's name.*

## **2. Jewellery and Hairstyles**

The wearing of jewellery is **not** allowed because of the possible danger to the wearer and to other pupils. This is a Northumberland County Council policy for reasons of safety. The school accepts no responsibility for the safekeeping or removal of any jewellery or watches. The school does allow small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara but these must be removed before PE / swimming. Hijabs and skull caps are allowed.

Children should have long hair (below the shoulder) tied back at all times during the school day.

The wearing of nail varnish is not allowed.

Children are welcome to wear an analogue watch, but we cannot allow smart watches to be brought into school for safeguarding reasons.

2.1 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy

## **3. The role of parents**

3.1 We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy in order to engender a sense of respect, responsibility and belonging to our school community. It is the duty of parents to send their children to school dressed appropriately in uniform that fits and is in good condition.

3.2 The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. Modifications can be made to the uniform in accordance with religious beliefs.

## **4. The role of governors**

4.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy fairly and with sensitivity.

4.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

## **5. Monitoring and review**

5.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented

**DFE statutory Guidance – Published on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 states-**

‘Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable. In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.’

Whitley Chapel C of E School is confident that our uniform is provided by a best value supplier (School Trends) and regular enquiries are made to other providers in order to continually ensure that this is the case. Parents can, of course, purchase non branded items from other retailers, as long as they are the correct colours.

We are also aiming to build up a selection of pre-loved uniforms in school.