



# School Uniform Policy

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## **1. Introduction**

1.1. It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear. This policy is also included in our PARENT HANDBOOK.

1.2 We respectfully request that before purchasing any item that is not specifically listed that you check with school to ensure suitability. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe, as far as possible, a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps.

## **2 Aims and Objectives**

2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school:
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging:
- supports positive behaviour and discipline:
- is practical and smart:
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school:
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance:
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition:
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

## **3 The Role of Parents and Religious Beliefs/Customs or SEND**

3.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

3.2 The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes/items that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests made in writing.

3.3 Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher in writing.

## **4 The Role of Governors**

4.1 The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school 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 the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

## **5 Jewellery**

5.1 On safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch and stud type earring. Hoops and dangling earrings are forbidden.

## **6 Extreme Haircuts and General Appearance**

6.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to excessive wear hair products.

6.2 Parents should also be aware that hair braids with beads, tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of make-up are not permitted. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour.

6.3 Long hair should be tied up and any ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and only in the school colours of blue, white or grey. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'Number 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines).

## **7 Footwear**

7.1 Children should wear black shoes to school (not trainers). We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Black boots are only acceptable in the winter months, where they are both practical and necessary. Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity.

## **8 Uniform**

The Willen Primary School uniform can be purchased from many different outlets, with the exception of branded items which are available from T King, online only. All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name:-

### Boys

Branded Willen Primary School sweatshirt, preferably with school logo

White polo or formal shirt

Grey school trousers or shorts

Grey socks

Black, smartly kept shoes

## Girls

Branded Blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan (not knitted) preferably with school logo

White polo shirt or blouse

Grey straight or pleated school skirt, grey trousers or grey pinafore dress

In summer blue/white checked (not striped) dress

Grey or white socks or grey tights

Black, smartly kept shoes

Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and only in the school colours of blue, white or grey

## ALL

Coats should be waterproof, ideally have a hood and should be of a dark/plain nature where possible.

## PE

Plain white PE shirt (with or without school logo but no other logos)

Blue PE shorts (no logo)

Black plimsolls for indoor use

Plain black track suit or plain black joggers and black hooded top for outdoor use

Trainers for outdoor use

Drawstring bag (clearly labeled with child's name)

Optional Swimming (KS2)

Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts (boys)

One piece swimming costume (girls)

Towel

Hairbrush or comb

Plain swimming hats, as appropriate

## **9 School Bags**

Branded folio/ reading book bags.

## **10 Extreme Weather**

10.1 Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days.

10.2 Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or snowy weather. Hats, scarves and gloves are welcomed- but all must be in coordinating school colours and named.

## **11 Lost Property and Second Hand Uniforms**

11.1 In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Lost property will be collected and made available for families at the end of every full term.

11.2 The school welcomes donations of second hand uniform that is in a loved condition. This will be passed to the WSA who will sell items for a small profit, all of which will be spent on resources for the children.