



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is West Bridgford Infant School's policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours.

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

Aims and Objectives

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
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Ensures children come to school in clothes that are not a distraction from learning
- Enables children to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most Parents / Carers
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

School Uniform

Our school uniform can be purchased with or without our school logo. Without the logo it is available from most supermarkets or with the logo online from Kit Out Clothing <https://kitoutclothing.co.uk/>

We regularly review our school uniform supplier to ensure value for money.

Our uniform is as follows and is non gender specific:

- Green Polo Shirts (with or without logo)
- Blue jumper or cardigan (with or without logo)
- Black, blue or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Blue or green checked dress in summer
- Black school shoes (Velcro or buckles preferably)
- Sturdy, flat sandals that are secured at the ankle can be worn in summer
- Plain unadorned hair accessories

- Weather appropriate coat or jacket
- School fleeces are also available as an optional warm layer
- Sun hat in sunny weather

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- School green polo shirt
- Dark blue or black plain shorts
- Dark blue or black plain jogging bottoms/leggings for outdoors
- Velcro trainers (this could be an old pair that still fit)
- Long hair must be tied back with a plain hair elastic or soft flat headband.

Jewellery

We do not allow children to wear jewellery in school on health and safety grounds. It is not appropriate for young children to wear jewellery in school due to the active and practical nature of our curriculum. It can become caught in play equipment, be a distraction from learning or be lost or broken causing distress.

Jewellery is therefore not allowed in school with the following exceptions:

- Items worn for religious observance.
- Children with pierced ears may wear plain studs to school.

Please be aware that earrings **CANNOT** be worn during PE lessons and Teachers are not allowed to remove earrings. If your child has pierced ears you will need to send them to school without them on timetabled PE days. PE is statutory. If your child arrives on a PE day with earrings they will be unable to participate in the lesson. **We therefore ask that you do not get your child's ears pierced during the school year.**

Hairstyles

It is important that children's hairstyles are such that they do not distract them or others from learning and do not obstruct their vision (for example by flopping over their eyes when writing.) In addition, young children play very close together and are prone to head lice. We therefore ask that:

- Long hair is tied back.
- Clips or plain hairbands are used to keep long fringes out of eyes.

Our school champions the right of children to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is a part of our Black children's racial, ethnic, cultural and religious identities and requires specific styling for health and maintenance.

Modifications to the School Uniform

If any parent would like the to modify the school uniform, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher.

As per our Equalities Policy, West Bridgford Infant School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents / carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If parents / carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then a note should be sent to the class teacher explaining why this is the case and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

We will always endeavour to support families facing financial difficulties where this might disadvantage their child.

If your child has sensory needs, please discuss modifications to the uniform with our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) or the Head Teacher.

Second-hand Uniform

The school keeps a small stock of second-hand uniform items. The school accepts donations and circulates as donations. Please enquire with the school office for availability. Our PTA also organise regular pre-loved uniform sales.

Roles and Responsibilities

Parents / Carers

We ask all parents / carers who send their children to West Bridgford Infant School to support the School Uniform Policy.

- We believe that parents / carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school attendance
- We ask that parents / carers ensure that their child has the correct uniform.
- We would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing school uniform (A School Uniform Grant may be available to parents / carers who qualify – contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0844 980 8080)

Governors

The Governing Body will:

- Support the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy
- Consider, with the Headteacher, all representations from parents / carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform
- Liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical
- Ensure that the views of parents / carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

At West Bridgford Infant School, we strive to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination as a consequence of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, colour, race, ethnic or national origin, disability or religious beliefs.

We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.

Policy Review

This policy will be regularly reviewed by the Governing Body and updated in line with West Bridgford Infant School's Policy Schedule.