

School Uniform Policy

St Werburgh's Primary School

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Rationale

Our intention is that we have a school uniform policy which is sensitive to the needs of and beliefs of the whole community. We understand that in developing a school uniform policy, schools should act fairly and reasonably, bearing in mind their duties under the Human Rights Act 1998 and antidiscrimination legislation which are explained within this document. We also have a duty to ensure that the uniform we ask children to wear is reasonably priced and that we support families who may be in financial difficulty.

Aims

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;
- supports positive behaviour;
- enables children to be identified as attending St Werburgh's Primary School when on visits or representing the school at community or trust wide events
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could create a sense of competition;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury.

Footwear

We want all children to grow into healthy adults and be able to play safely when at school. Shoes must be sensible, comfortable and meet health and safety requirements. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We prefer children not to wear open toed sandals in summer and we require children to wear trainers or daps/plimsoles for P.E. Whilst we would prefer that all children wear black school shoes, this is not a compulsory part of our uniform as we understand that these may be unaffordable for some families.

Parents' and Carers' Role

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. To send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily

schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean.

If any parent/carer would like the School to modify the uniform policy they should make representation in the first instance to the Headteacher. The School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the School will look sympathetically at such requests.

If there are financial reasons why parents/carers have difficulty in providing a school uniform for their child then we encourage them to speak to a member of office staff or the Senior Leadership Team and we may be able to help.

Monitoring and Review

The Local Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way in which the school uniform policy is implemented.

St Werburgh's Primary School strives to ensure that the culture and ethos of the School are such that, whatever their heritage and background, children should be provided with the opportunity to experience, understand and celebrate diversity.

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Uniform Dress Code can be found in the appendix below.

Appendix – St Werburgh’s Primary School Uniform

Uniform

- Pale Blue Polo Shirt with or without school logo.
- Navy Blue Sweatshirt/cardigan, jumper or fleece jackets with or without school logo.
- Dark grey or Black trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Light Blue gingham summer dress.

Each week, children will have two lessons of PE. For this they must wear

- a white polo shirt or T-shirt,
- navy or black shorts or leggings
- trainers or daps.

Please mark all clothing clearly and securely with your child’s name.

Jewellery

Please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. It can be dangerous during physical activities. If your child has to wear items of jewellery for cultural or religious reasons, please speak to the Headteacher.

Where to buy

Our school uniform can be purchased from:

- <https://gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-werburghs-primary-school/>
- Most supermarkets for non-logo items
- Most children’s clothing stores, such as Next, M&S, John Lewis, H&M for non-logo items.