

Woolpit Primary Academy
School Uniform and Appearance Policy
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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless deemed not necessary before hand. Our schools fully endorses the principle that the school uniform should be affordable for everyone, ensuring that no child or family is socially excluded through inability to buy. Accordingly, all items of uniform can be bought 'off the peg' from any high street outlet or supermarket.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for 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 appropriate for the school working environment
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Helps identify children when out on a school trip
- Is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

School uniform consists of:

- White shirt or polo shirt, plain or with the school logo
- Royal blue (Woolpit) sweatshirt, or cardigan, plain or with the school logo, Year 5 and Year 6 can also wear fleeces.
- Grey school trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- Summer light blue check dress
- Black or navy shoes
- Sensible flat boots are acceptable during the winter weather
- Sensible flat sandals are acceptable during the summer weather. Socks must be worn with sandals. Parents must check their child's sandals are well fitted and will not cause a child to trip. No open toes.

Items of clothing with the school logo available to order from the school office include; sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, zip front fleeces, baseball caps and legionnaire's caps.

The school aims to cover its costs but does not aim to make a profit. We encourage parents to name all items of clothing with sew-in name tags or indelible pen.

Safety in the Sun

It is our school policy that all children wear a sun hat in hot weather when outside.

PE

For the majority of PE lessons the children are expected to change into:

- Shorts or jogging bottoms, plain navy, black or grey
- T-shirt, plain white
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Tracksuit or jogging bottoms and jumper are required during the winter weather

Hair

It is advisable for long hair to be tied back neatly so it is not in a child's eyes. Simple hairbands or hair ties may be worn. Children should not have haircuts from the 'extreme' of fashion. Boys and girls will be expected to tie their hair back for PE if it is long enough to tie up.

Swimming

During the summer term:

- Girls – one piece swimsuit
- Boys – swimming trunks (no Bermuda style shorts allowed)
- Swimming cap
- Towel

Everything must be named and in a named bag.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it may be dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we encourage the wearing of trainers to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Children in Reception Classes need to have Wellington boots in school at all times.

Jewellery

In the interests of safety children should not wear any jewellery. Children may wear a simple wrist watch. Plain studs are permitted for pierced ears only, however as no earrings can be worn when taking

part in PE or swimming it is suggested on days when PE or swimming are timetabled no earrings should be worn at all. Staff must not remove or replace children's earrings. i.e. children must be able to take studs out themselves.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Role of Governors

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

The governors will consider, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

The policy, has been endorsed by the Board of Governors.