



# Woolston Infant School

## Uniform Policy

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At Woolston Infant School, we pride ourselves on how smart our children look when coming to and from school. It is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance.

### Aims

- Instil pride amongst the pupils in school.
- Support positive behaviour and discipline.
- Encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos.
- Ensure pupils of all races, religion and backgrounds feel welcome.
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Provide a sense of belonging and identity.
- Set an appropriate tone for education.

### Roles and Responsibilities

#### **The Governing Body is responsible for:**

- In consultation with the head teacher and school community, establishing practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding school uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, carers, pupils, and the wider school community regarding changes to the school uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.

#### **The Head Teacher is responsible for:**

- Enforcing the school's uniform policy on a day-to-day basis
- Ensuring that school staff understand this policy and what to do if the policy is breached.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing body.
- Providing people with exemptions as appropriate e.g., a pupil with a broken limb, requiring loose-fitting clothing.

#### **Teaching and support staff are responsible for:**

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important e.g., to establish school identity.

#### **Parents/Carers are responsible for:**

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the head teacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform for a period of time, and why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is always clean, presentable and the correct size.

#### **Pupils are responsible for:**

- Always wearing the correct uniform unless the head teacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after the uniform as appropriate
- Respecting why a school uniform is important to the school e.g., to develop a sense of belonging.



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### Our uniform

We are very proud of our uniform and wearing it helps the children feel part of Woolston Infant School community. The school colours are red, grey and white – all pupils are expected to wear uniform.

Our uniform consists of:

- A red sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan
- A white shirt, blouse, or polo shirt
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- A red-checked summer dress
- Black shoes - no sandals or flip flops.

PE Kit consisting of:

- White or Red T-Shirt
- Red shorts
- Sweatshirt and Joggers for outside
- Suitable footwear
- Drawstring PE bag

All items of clothing embroidered with the school logo, book bags and PE bags can all be purchased by registering and making payments via SCOPay and collected from the school office. There is no expectation that uniform should be branded with the school logo. Plain uniform items can be purchased in many supermarkets, high street stores or online. Woolston Infant School also have a huge amount of second-hand uniform. Please ask if you require any items as we may have some preloved versions for sale very cheaply. No other logos/branding are permitted on school clothing.

### Rules and regulations

Please ensure that clothing is easy for your child to manage when dressing, and undressing for P.E., and that zips and buttons are not too tight. Lace-up shoes are very difficult for a young child to manage. Please try and buy shoes with Velcro fastenings for younger children.

- Long hair should be tied back.
- All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's full name.
- Every child is responsible for his/her own possessions.
- Nail varnish should not be worn to school.
- Jewellery should not be worn to school.



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- Earrings: Only small stud earrings are permitted; these must be removed for P.E or taped by the child (using medical tape supplied from home). Pupils with pierced ears may wear one pair of plain studs. No sleepers or pendant earrings are permitted.

**The safety of our children is our first priority**

## Equality

The school is required to ensure that this policy does not discriminate unlawfully.

Every step has been taken to ensure that the cost of similar uniform items, for example, trousers versus skirts, are not disproportionate.

The schools endeavour to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral and inclusive as possible. We do not insist that children of any sex must wear specific items of clothing.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniform is affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

Parents who receive pupil premium will be allocated financial support for school uniform at the beginning of Year 1. You will be sent information regarding this.

Parents'/carers' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by case basis by the Head Teacher and Governing Board.

The schools do not take responsibility for lost watches or jewellery.