

WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform Policy



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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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform and Appearance

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and safety. It provides a statement of belonging and is a facilitator of high standards of behaviour both in school and when out and about on educational visits.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

The School believes that a school uniform is important because it:

- Looks smart
- Wears well
- Is cost effective
- Contributes to a sense of belonging
- Gives a common purpose
- Fosters a feeling of pride
- Reduces 'fashion competition' between children
- Prepares students well for similar demands in the workplace in future years

Whitehouse School Uniform

Grey trousers (boys and girls)

Grey skirt/ Pinafore

Blue gingham dress may be worn in the summer

Pale blue shirt/blouse (boys/girls)

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Pale blue polo shirt may be worn
Grey/White socks
Grey/navy tights
Navy Blue Sweatshirt
Navy Blue Cardigan

Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes gelling, moussing hair or use of hair spray or having false extensions. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Long hair (both boys and girls) should be tied back, away from the face, at all times. Any hair accessories should be plain, simple and functional.

Footwear

In the interest of health and safety, footwear should be flat lace-up/velcro, bar shoes. Heavy boots (unless for medical reasons) and high-heeled or pointed shoes are not allowed.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch. We ask the children to remove watches during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury.

For the same reason we discourage the wearing of jewellery, particularly earrings, if children need to wear earrings then only studs are allowed.

PE Kit

All children will require a complete change of clothing for P.E./Games.

All children require P.E. shoes, navy blue shorts and light blue T-shirt. If a child does not have a P.E. kit, then school could possibly loan one. For outdoor games children may wear trainers, and in cooler weather there is the option of track suits or jogging suit in blue.

The Governing Body

The Governing Body will support and assist the Headteacher and school in pursuit of maintaining high standards of appropriate appearance and uniform code.

Parents

Parents should support their child and school in adhering to the rules regarding uniform as described above. Part of their duty is to ensure that pupils arrive at school suitably attired in clean and tidy uniform looking as though they belong to The Whitehouse Community.

If for reasons related to faith, ethnicity or disability a parents feels there needs to be some modification for their child then a formal request needs to be made to The Headteacher in the first instance.

As a school we celebrate the fact that so many children take pride in their Whitehouse uniform. Wherever Whitehouse children go there are regular comments on how smart they look and how well behaved they are. As stated in the school prospectus the Headteacher needs to uphold the values that lie at the core of such a positive community.