



Winlaton West Lane Community Primary School

	School Uniform Policy
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- 1 It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending West Lane Community Primary School or when participating in a school organised event outside school hours.
- 2 It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent, so if you wish to purchase an item that is not specifically listed, please check with school beforehand. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe strict adherence to our Uniform Policy helps achieve this goal. We are also influenced by the high expectations that our destination secondary schools have towards uniform; having similar high expectations at West Lane makes the transition easier for pupils.
- 3 The basis for the policy is that a uniform:
 - promotes a sense of pride in the school
 - engenders a feeling of community and belonging
 - supports positive behaviour and discipline
 - is practical and smart
 - identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school
 - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
 - prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' labels
 - avoids wearing of clothes that could be distracting in class
 - is regarded as suitable and good value for money.

The role of parents

- 4 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the Uniform Policy. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are particular reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove

problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head Teacher.

The role of Governors

- 5 The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the Uniform Policy and liaises where necessary with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our Uniform Policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

- 6 The West Lane Primary School uniform can be purchased from Mick Martin, details can be obtained from the office. Large supermarkets also stock uniform without logos.
 - Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with school logo.
 - White or blue polo shirt, preferably with school logo.
 - Grey/black school trousers, shorts or skirts. Blue checked summer dress.
 - Grey/black/white socks; grey/ blue/black tights.
 - Black shoes.
 - Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple.

PE (Reception to Y6)

- 7 Children are to come to school wearing their uniform on their upper body – white polo shirt and blue school jumper or a school logo hoody with PE kit on their lower body consisting of grey/navy or black plain joggers/leggings or grey/navy or black shorts, trainers for outdoor use. PE will be outdoors as much as possible therefore it is necessary that children have the right kit.

Swimming

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 - Above the knee swimming trunks or one-piece swimming costume
 - Towel
 - Hairbrush or comb
 - Goggles (optional)
 - Plain swimming hats

Jewellery and piercings

- 9 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery or piercings. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch (no Apple / smart watches).

Extreme haircuts and general appearance

- 10 Parents should be aware that nail varnish or any other form of make-up is not permitted. Hair should be a 'natural' colour. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back/up by ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides which should be simple in style. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines), in line with secondary school uniform policies.

Footwear

- 11 Children should wear flat black shoes to school. Platform soles, open toed sandals or high heels are not permitted. We will accept totally black trainer/shoes with no logos on them. Black boots are only acceptable in the winter months.

Extreme weather

- 12 Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. Variations to the Policy under these circumstances are acceptable as long as they appropriate in the view of the Head Teacher. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in wet or snowy weather.

Early Years

- 13 As outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum, the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage should be dressed appropriately for all kinds of weather. Although we have shelters, it is important to provide an appropriate raincoat for wet and cold days. Waterproof trousers, hats, gloves, wellington boots and sun hats would also be items of clothing that we recommend could be provided for the children.

Lost Property

- 14 At times uniform gets lost in school. In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.