



# Uniform Policy

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## Introduction and Policy Aims/Purpose

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform and further linked guidance on [expectations](#).

## Our School's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, disability, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their gender
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Nicky Fuller, [info@wordsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:info@wordsworthprimary.co.uk) who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

## Limiting the cost of school uniform

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable.

In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.

Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum.

A school's uniform policy should be published on the school's website, be available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and be easily understood.

Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).



Single supplier contracts should be avoided unless regular tendering competitions are run where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured.

This contract should be retendered at least every 5 years.

Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective pupils and published on the school's website.

Schools should engage with parents and pupils when they are developing their school uniform policy. At Wordsworth Primary School and Nursery, uniform is worn throughout the school as we believe it encourages a sense of belonging and identity.

### Uniform at our School

Our aim is that uniform is inclusive and low cost. It consists of the following items

**Jumper:** Our school jumper will remain a royal blue sweatshirt with our new school logo. Alternatively cardigans with the new school logo will also be available.

**Polo shirt:** The new polo shirt is made of a more technical fabric designed to support active performance. It is a cobalt blue colour with black shoulder stripes and our new logo.

The material this is made from has been selected for its appropriateness to P.E and Outdoor Education. This provides a smart look that allows for lots of movement without compromising quality or style. As an alternative parents can choose to purchase a darker polo shirt, Sainsbury's call this type of polo 'Royal Blue.' Asda call it 'Cobalt Blue.'

**Trousers:** Black leggings or jogging bottoms are replacing traditional trousers. These do not need to be purchased from a uniform supplier.

**Summer wear:** Black shorts will be the summer uniform for both boys and girls. Alternatively, girls could choose a black 'skort.' Also blue checkered summer playsuits will be allowed.

**Footwear:** Trainers will replace traditional school shoes. Preferably black or mostly black if possible. **Book**

**bags:** Book bags and ruck sacks will still be available to purchase with our new logo.

During the winter months all children should wear a coat.

### General Appearance

Pupils should wear clean uniform and have long hair tied back or braided. Shoes should be all black including the soles and in good condition so that pupils are safe and comfortable. Children should not wear jewellery to school, the only exception is small, plain stud earrings which children will need to be able to remove for P.E.



## Religions and Beliefs

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner. If our school has good reason for restricting an individual's freedoms, for example, the promotion of cohesion and good order in the school, or genuine health and safety or security considerations, the restriction of an individual's rights to manifest their religion or belief may be justified.

The school will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within a school uniform policy and the local governing board will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

## Engagement with parents/carers

The school will engage with parents and pupils when developing their uniform policy to ensure that it is suitable for their school community, recognising that the school community may change over time. Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner. Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy. The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome

## Discrimination

Even when a policy has been agreed, school staff will be able to allow for some individual variations to their uniform policy, where necessary to avoid indirect discrimination. For instance, reasonable adjustments will be made, as appropriate, for pupils with a disability. We aim to make our school uniform as inclusive as possible so if parents have any requests or concerns then please contact the school.

## Other things to think about

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name to avoid them being lost. Lost property is located on a trolley under the canopy of the front of the school.

During hot weather children should bring a bottle of water and a sun hat into school, every day. Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before school.

## Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.



## Governors

The governing body will review this policy to ensure it is appropriate for the school context, is implemented fairly across the school and is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils.

## Associated Policies

This policy links to:

Complaints policy

Behaviour policy

Equality information and objectives

