



## **Introduction**

Woodhouse Primary School has a policy that all children should wear school uniform; this helps to create a sense of community and identifies all pupils as belonging to Woodhouse Primary School.

This policy has been written with regard to the DfE's statutory guidance 'Cost of School Uniforms' and the non-statutory guidance on school uniforms (November 2021).

## **Aims and objectives**

The purpose of having a school uniform is to:

- Promote a sense of community and pride in the school
- Create a sense of belonging, which promotes positive mental health
- Set an appropriate tone for education and a common sense of identity and purpose

The aims of this policy are:

- to make clear the expectations for pupils' dress
- to ensure the cost of school uniforms is reasonable and secures the best value for money

## **Expectations**

The school expects all pupils to comply with this uniform policy. Non-compliance will be addressed in a fair and proportionate way.

## **Role of Parents/Carers**

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child is wearing the correct uniform and has the correct PE kit, and that all items are named.

## **Role of Governors**

The governing body has developed this policy with school staff and supports the headteacher in its implementation. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and that school uniform meets regulations concerning equal opportunities, as well as DfE requirements.

## **How school uniform can be purchased**

Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts and fleece with school logo, white t-shirt, royal blue shorts, caps and book bags can be ordered from school using the online payment system ([schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk)). When a pupil starts at Woodhouse, parents/carers will receive an email giving details of how to log on to the system and issuing a password. Orders are processed once per term and details of order dates will be published on the weekly school newsletter.

Generic items, such as skirts and trousers, can be purchased from a range of retailers, giving parents choice and value for money.

Second hand uniform is available to be purchased at school events at least twice per year (usually in the autumn term and the spring term).

### **School uniform list**

Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo

Gold polo shirt (school logo preferred)

Grey, black or white socks or black or grey socks

Black shoes (not trainers)

Fleece (optional)

In summer: blue and white/yellow and white check dress (optional)

### **Exceptions**

Sensible exceptions will be allowed for during extreme weather.

### **PE kit**

Pupils will need to have a pump bag in school containing the following:

Black pumps

For indoor PE:

White t-shirt

Royal blue shorts

For outdoor PE:

Tracksuit/sweatshirt/jogging pants

Trainers (optional)

For health and safety reasons, all children with long hair should have it tied back for PE.

The school will provide a separate PE kit for pupils when participating in school sports events.

## **Swimming kit**

On the designated swimming day, all children need to bring a bag containing an item of swimming clothing (see below) and a towel.

Long hair (boys and girls) should be tied up in a bun (a ponytail is not acceptable) or a swimming cap must be worn. This is for the safety of all pupils.

Boys and girls should bring their own swimming cap, if required, and they may use their own goggles.

All items brought from home should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Armbands are provided by the school.

Girls should wear one-piece swimming costumes (no bikinis or tankinis).

Boys should wear trunks or short swimming shorts (no Bermuda style or Surfer style shorts).

Children may wear full body suits for religious beliefs or for a pre-existing medical condition.

Jewellery should not be worn – the only exception is the wearing of jewellery for religious beliefs.

If children have pierced ears they must be able to remove their own earrings – this is for the safety of all pupils. Children cannot swim if they are unable to remove their own earrings.

If your child has a verruca then they must provide their own verruca sock as the virus can easily spread in a swimming pool environment. Children cannot swim if they have a verruca and do not have a verruca sock.

## **Headscarves/Hijabs**

These may be worn for religious reasons but should be in plain colours, preferable black, blue or grey.

## **Hair, jewellery and accessories**

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery but may wear simple watches (no smart watches). Pierced earrings should be limited to studs (one in each ear). Pupils wearing watches and studs are responsible for them. Pupils are expected to remove their own studs for swimming and replace them afterwards and cover them with plasters (brought from home) for PE.

Simple hair accessories (e.g. hairbands, clips) may be worn but must be an appropriate size. Pupils wearing excessive hair accessories will be asked to remove them until the end of the day.

## **School bags**

Pupils are encouraged to bring their items to school in a book bag. Bags are not necessary but if pupils do bring a bag, they should be of a reasonable size and fit easily into the child's locker or on their peg. There is a shortage of space in the cloakrooms and large bags exacerbate the problem and cause a safety hazard.

Pencil cases are not necessary as equipment is provided by school.

## **Equal opportunities**

The Governors are committed to promoting equality and this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010, therefore no pupil will be prioritised or disadvantaged.

Reasonable adjustments may be made for individual variations, for example for pupils with a disability.

## **Monitoring and review**

The Governing Body will review this policy at least every three years, or earlier if deemed necessary.