

Watlington Primary School Uniform Policy

September 2023

Next September 2026: _____

Signed: _____

Headteacher

Date: September 2023

Gemma Sterjo

Policy has been adopted / reviewed by Governing Body:

Signed: _____

Chair of Governors

Date: September 2023

Finbar McGaughey

WATLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

Aims and objectives:

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- fosters a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- sets a high standard of appearance for all, whilst clothing pupils in practical, cost-effective school wear.

The role of children and parents/carers:

We expect all children and parents to support the school uniform policy; as acknowledged in our home/school agreement.

Parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and well presented, which includes having a suitable hair style, ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents and carers are also responsible for ensuring their children come to school in a coat suitable for the forecast weather conditions each day. During break and lunch times children will still be going outside even in cold windy conditions and light rain.

If a pupil is not wearing an item of uniform as identified in this policy a letter will be sent home as a reminder identifying which item is not suitable (Appendix 1). After two letters about the same item in a school year, the parents/carers will be invited to discuss the matter further with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

There is a separate letter for PE kit (Appendix 2). Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit. If bad weather is anticipated, please provide additional PE kit or school uniform to change in to.

The role of governors:

The governing body supports the Headteacher in upholding the school uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

General guidelines:

No jewellery, except small, plain studs for pierced ears and wrist watches – both of which must be removed for P.E. lessons. Ear studs can be covered with plasters for the first few weeks until they can be safely removed.

No make-up or nail varnish to be worn in school.

Long hair should be tied back at all times and short hair in a suitable style for school (including all boys and girls). Extreme haircuts and novelty headwear that could serve as a distraction to other children are not permitted.

Children may wear caps or hats to protect themselves from the sun or adverse weather conditions. All headwear must be of plain colour. These items are not to be worn indoors. Any request to change uniform on religious grounds can be applied for. All requests need to be made to the Headteacher.

All children need a clear & labelled water bottle brought into school daily. The bottle should contain water only.

Watlington Primary School Uniform:

| Uniform | |
|---|---|
| Red sweatshirt * White or red polo shirt * Grey or black skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts (red and white summer dress optional in warmer months) Grey, black or white socks Grey or black tights Smart shoes, all black, with no clear logos Optional school fleece * | |
| PE KIT | OTHER |
| Red T-shirt * Navy or black shorts Navy or black tracksuit bottoms (optional) Plain long sleeved warm top (optional), including logoed option * Outdoor trainers | Red reading bag * Hats – summer and winter Long hair tied back with appropriate hairbands Foundation Stage Children (Nursery & Reception) – waterproofs Wellies for the autumn and winter terms |
| <i>Please make sure all items of clothing are named.</i> | |
| <i>Items do not need to be logoed</i> | |

* Items available Price and Buckland <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/watlington-primary-school.html>

All non logoed items can be purchased from supermarkets, at affordable prices

Good quality second hand uniform is also available through the PTA, emailing the school or class teacher.

admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk

Regular second hand sales are planned throughout the year

Hoodies, large hair bows, trainers and multi-coloured socks are not appropriate school wear.

Appendix 1 – School uniform letter to parents

School Uniform Reminder

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that your child _____ has recently not complied with our school uniform policy. Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- fosters a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- sets a high standard of appearance for all, whilst clothing pupils in practical, cost-effective school wear.

Listed below is the item of uniform or general guideline which does not comply with our policy.

Please can you ensure that this is resolved at the earliest opportunity - within one to five days.

If there are problems resolving the uniform issue or you would like to discuss the matter further then please ask to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Yours Sincerely

Gemma Sterjo

Headteacher

Item of uniform/general guideline to be resolved:

- Red sweatshirt
- White or red polo shirt
- Grey or black skirt/pinafore/trousers
- Grey or black tights
- Black shoes
- Wellington boots
- Red sweatshirt
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or white socks
- Smart black shoes
- No make-up to be worn in school (resolved by the next day)
- No nail varnish to be worn in school (resolved by the next day)
- Long hair to be tied back with appropriate hair bands (resolved by the next day)
- 'Extreme' haircuts, defined as any haircut that may cause a distraction and that is not in keeping with our school ethos (resolved by the next day)

Additional comments:

Appendix 2 – PE kit letter to parents

School PE Kit Reminder

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that your child _____ has recently not complied with our school uniform policy. Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

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Listed below is the item of PE kit which does not comply with our policy. Please can you ensure that this is resolved at the earliest opportunity - within one to five days.

If there are problems resolving the PE kit issue or you would like to discuss the matter further then please ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Yours Sincerely

Gemma Sterjo

Headteacher

Item of PE kit to be resolved:

- Red T-shirt
- Black or navy blue Shorts
- Navy or black tracksuit bottoms (optional)
- Plain warm top (optional)
- Outdoor trainers

Additional comments:

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to remind you of our policy on uniform. For the majority of our families this will be something for you to check but will require no action. This is because your child already wears appropriate uniform and conforms to our rules on jewellery etc.

However, an increasing minority of children are wearing uniform that is unsuitable, not as required or inappropriate for school and, in all cases, does not meet our uniform requirements. Our uniform expectations are based on the notion that a school uniform:

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At Watlington Primary School, our expectation is that all parents and pupils uphold the home-school agreement which is sent home at the start of the academic year. This states that parents and children have a shared responsibility to ensure children attend school in the correct uniform, taking pride in their appearance.

From next term, our uniform rules will be rigidly enforced. This will mean children who arrive in incorrect uniform will be spoken to, have the issue explained and then be asked to borrow the appropriate items from school. We will have a supply of clean uniform and spare footwear and they will be expected to return these items at the end of the school day. A letter will also be sent home detailing which part of your child's uniform will need correcting.

For your information, a copy of the expected school uniform is overleaf. We thank you in advance for supporting us in encouraging the children to take pride in their appearance and school.

As always, if you anticipate any problems in ensuring your child's uniform is correct from next term, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes

Watlington Primary School