

WHEATLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1 Introduction

It is Wheatlands 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 and on our website. Our school uniform consists of:

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Red pinafore dress in summer
- Black school shoes (no trainers)

Uniform can be ordered through school with the school logo on the sweatshirt and polo shirt.

2 Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders 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.

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school, except a watch (not a smart watch) which the children take responsibility for.

4 Haircuts

As part of our wider uniform policy we do not allow children to have extreme haircuts or styling that sets the child apart from others. The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children such as patterns shaved into the hair, dyed hair (other than a natural shade) and "Mohican" style haircuts. Children may gel their hair to keep it tidy but not to create one of the extreme hairstyles. The final judgement on what is classed as an extreme hairstyle rests with the head teacher and pupils who have such a style will be asked to cover it up until it is made more acceptable. Pupils are routinely reminded about this rule in their class by their class teacher.

5 Hair Accessories

We ask that any hair accessories are plain in design and in line with the school colours. Large hair bows are not to be worn.

6 Make Up

The wearing of any make up in school is not allowed. This includes false nails, nail varnish and temporary tattoos/henna.

7 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we encourage children not to wear such shoes in our school. Strappy, flimsy sandals are also not allowed to be worn. Children are allowed to wear black leather boots that can be polished (Ugg style/suede boots are not to be worn).

8 The Role of Parents

- 8.1** We ask all parents who send their children to Wheatlands to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 8.2** If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

9 The Role of Governors

- 9.1** The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 9.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 9.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

10 Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.