



WATER STREET SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

We want children to feel proud to be part of our community. Our uniform is very practical and serves the purpose of fostering a sense of belonging to Water Street School, whilst reducing expenditure for parents/carers.

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

We ask children to wear their shirts/t-shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

If you are wishing to purchase uniform with the school logo, it is readily available from **Skip 2 School, Water Street, Skipton**. However, other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E., are included in this policy.

Please ensure that all uniform items and coats are labelled with your name!

School Uniform

- Grey/Black Trousers or Shorts
- Dark Grey Pinafore or Knee Length Skirt
- Checked Skirts or Pinafore Dresses
- Blue and White Gingham Dress (Summer Only)
- White Short-Sleeved Polo Shirt
- Royal Blue School Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- Grey, White or Black Socks / Royal Blue, Black or Dark Grey Tights
- Black School Shoes/Trainers or Black Boots (Ankle Length) or Sandals *
- Sandals in summer should be flat and not ornate, ideally with covered toes
- Hair should be worn tidily; no extreme hairstyles, colours or ornaments
- No nail varnish or jewellery (except a basic watch, stud earrings)

All children should also bring:

- A named water bottle, taken home each day for washing
- A book bag (children from Y3 can bring a different bag, but please keep these small as our cloakrooms get very overcrowded)

PE uniform

- PE T-Shirt in house colour
- Black or navy-blue shorts
- School PE Hoodie
- Plain black or dark jogging bottoms
- Trainers

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back for PE.

Please note children in Years 1 – 6 are to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Children in Reception will get changed into their PE kits at school, so will need to bring them in in a separate bag.

You will be notified in September of which day your child's class will take part in PE.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail varnish

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are stud earrings and a basic watch.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. If children cannot remove their own earrings, they will be asked to cover them with medical tape.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue, white, or black. Hair bands should not have objects attached to them such as flowers.

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Pupils are free to wear a headscarf or other hair coverings for religious reasons at school if they wish to. These must however be plain and either white, blue or black.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels.

Pupils are to wear flat, plain black shoes or trainers without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible.

Sandals should ideally have covered toes and flip-flops are not permitted due to health and safety reasons.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

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 our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically.

If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the School in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Persistent non-wearing of uniform

We would always make contact with families of children who persistently do not wear school uniform to try and ascertain the reason for this. We would deal with each case on a case-by-case basis, but it remains our policy that school uniform should be worn.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Pupils and families are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Help providing Uniform

School will hold a uniform sale at the end of each academic year and we will always work sympathetically with families who require support to ensure children come to school in the correct uniform.