



WOODLANDS
PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Woodlands Primary School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside the normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our admissions pack.
- 1.2 We know that rising living costs is impacting many local families who are struggling to afford necessities, and this continues to increase in the fundamental areas of family's lives. The school supports the statutory guidance from the DfE in relation to the [cost of school uniforms](#) which was launched and also the Telford & Wrekin Cost of Living Strategy, to support families as best the school can. The school offers support in the following ways:
- We only require the sweatshirt to have the school logo, no other items.
 - We encourage the use of second-hand uniform, through distribution by the school.
 - We also donate uniform to the [School Uniform Project – Telford Crisis Support](#), a local initiative.
 - We apply regularly to the Telford & Wrekin Winter Coat and Shoe Scheme for any children that might be in need.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
 - is practical and smart;
 - identifies the children with the school;
 - is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
 - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
 - is regarded as suitable, and excellent value for money, by most parents;
 - has been designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform Current Providers

Bakers & Son Schoolwear

29 New Street, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LU

Opening Hours Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm

On-line Ordering – www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk

3 Jewellery

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. It is totally unacceptable for children to come to school with additional piercings. The governors support and will uphold this view. The exceptions to this rule are small ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious / sentimental significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5 Footwear

- 5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We require all children to wear sensible flat shoes described in the uniform list preferably those which are smart and practical and with suitable grips for playtimes.

6 The role of parents

- 6.1 We ask all our parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents / carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. We responded to our parents on the type of uniform suitable for our school.
- 6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.
- 7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:
- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it.
 - consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.
 - require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.
- 8.2 This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

***The school welcomes any secondhand uniform
in good, clean condition. Please drop off at the school Office –
Thank you for your support.***