Woodlands Park School Uniform Policy

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1. Purpose

At Woodlands Park School, we believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, supports our school values, and helps create a positive environment for learning. Our uniform policy has been developed in accordance with Department for Education (DfE) guidance on school uniform and school uniform costs.

Through our uniform and dress code we aim to:

- Encourage pride in the school
- Encourage a sense of equality and cohesion
- Support teaching and learning
- Enable pupils to be comfortable, safe and secure
- Protect pupils from social pressures to dress in a particular way

We aim for our uniform to be:

- Smart and practical
- Affordable for families
- Inclusive of all pupils
- Consistent with equality legislation
- Easy to obtain from a range of suppliers

2. Principles

Woodlands Park School recognises that school uniform should not be a barrier to attendance, participation, or school choice. We seek to minimise costs by making branded items optional and allowing parents to purchase items from a retailer of their choice.

3. School Uniform

Required Uniform

- Dark green school sweatshirt or green cardigan
- Dark Green polo shirt (white polo shirt accepted until end of 2027)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Green and white checked summer dress (optional)
- White, grey or black socks or tights
- Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers with no logos, coloured soles or flashing lights

For Nursery pupils, grey joggers are recommended.

Optional Branded Items

The following items are available with the school logo:

- Sweatshirt or cardigan
- Polo shirt (optional)
- School book bag (required in Reception and Key Stage 1. Book bags may be branded or plain dark green/unbranded. One key ring may be attached if desired)

Plain, dark green options are available from other retailers and parents may purchase unbranded alternatives that meet the school's colour requirements:

Branded school uniform is available from Goyals.

Woodlands Park School Uniforms online from Goyals Maidenhead

4. Physical Education (PE)

Children should attend school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

Indoor PE

- Dark green PE top with white sleeves
- Black shorts
- Trainers (black or white trainers with no colours or lights)

- White, grey or black socks

Outdoor PE

- Black hoodie or sweatshirt (optional branded item is available from Goyals)
- Black joggers
- Dark green PE top with white sleeves
- Trainers (black or white trainers with no colours or lights)
- White, grey or black socks

Swimming

Pupils will require:

- One-piece swimming costume or swimming trunks
- Swimming cap
- Towel
- Pool shoes (e.g. sandals or flip-flops)
- Waterproof bag

Bikinis are not permitted for school swimming lessons.

5. Jewellery, Hair and Appearance

For health, safety and practical reasons:

- Pupils may wear one pair of small stud earrings. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE lessons. Children should be able to remove and replace earrings independently.
- A simple analogue or digital watch may be worn in school. Smart watches capable of communication, photography or internet access are not permitted.
- No other jewellery should be worn in school
- Long hair should be tied back for safety
- Extreme hairstyles, patterns, colours or fashion accessories are not permitted
- Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours
- Make-up, false nails, nail varnish and temporary tattoos should not be worn to school

The Headteacher reserves the right to make decisions on items that are considered unsafe or unsuitable for school.

6. Equality and Inclusion

Woodlands Park School is committed to ensuring that this policy is implemented fairly and consistently. Reasonable adjustments will be considered for pupils whose disability, medical needs, religion, belief, or cultural background require flexibility in relation to uniform requirements.

Religious head coverings may be worn and should be in school colours.

Any parent who believes an adjustment may be necessary should contact the school to discuss their child's individual circumstances. The school will consider reasonable adjustments on an individual basis and in consultation with parents or carers.

7. Affordability

The school is committed to keeping uniform costs as low as possible. In line with DfE guidance, we will:

- Limit the number of compulsory branded items
- Allow non-branded alternatives wherever possible
- Promote the use of second-hand uniform
- Review uniform requirements regularly to ensure they remain affordable

8. Second-Hand Uniform

The school supports the use of pre-loved uniform and will make information available to parents about opportunities to obtain second-hand uniform items. If you are interested in preloved uniform please speak to the school office or the PTA.

9. Responsibility of Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Ensure pupils attend school in the correct uniform
- Clearly label all clothing, footwear and personal belongings. Unnamed items cannot always be returned to pupils
- Contact the school if there are difficulties in meeting the uniform requirements

The school will always seek to work positively with families where support is needed.

10. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years by the Governing Body, or sooner where changes to legislation, DfE guidance or school practice make this necessary. Review will be to ensure compliance with Department for Education guidance and to maintain affordability, inclusivity and practicality for all pupils.

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