



Windermere Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Rationale

Our school expects very high standards from its pupils' behaviour and appearance. We expect children to take pride in their appearance school and to appear smart, clean and appropriately dressed at all times. Children attending the school are required to wear uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours (unless directed otherwise e.g. non-uniform charity days). Windermere's policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

1. promotes a sense of pride in Windermere, a feeling of community and belonging;
2. is practical and smart;
3. is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
4. makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
5. is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
6. has been designed with health and safety in mind.

The School Uniform

For regular school activities, pupils must wear:

KS1:

- grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or culottes
- white polo shirt (with school logo optional)
- red sweatshirt or sweatcardi (with the school logo optional)
- black, grey or white socks or red/grey tights
- black school shoes (plain black trainers with black laces are acceptable as school shoes)

In the summer (as weather allows) red check dresses or 'playsuits' may be worn.

KS2:

- grey school trousers, shorts, skirt, culottes or pinafore
- white shirt/blouse with a collar
- school tie*
- red v-necked jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo optional)
- black/grey/white socks or red/grey tights
- black school shoes (plain black trainers with black laces are acceptable as school shoes)
- black or white one-piece hijab (no pins)

In the summer (Easter to end of September) red check dress may be worn.

Windermere School logo sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, PE t-shirts and ties are available from the School Office. These are sold at near cost price to reduce the financial burden on parents. Unbranded items from the high street are equally acceptable.

The PTA hold a stock of second-hand items, which can be purchased online and via the school office and at regular uniform sales throughout the school year.

Articles of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's name, particularly in the case of items, which are frequently removed, such as coats, gloves, sweatshirts, etc.

PE Kit

The school PE kit has been designed to be practical and safe for children to participate in a range of physical activities. All children are required to change for PE lessons.

The PE kit comprises:

- a red T-shirt (with the school logo optional)
- black unbranded loose PE shorts (for cultural reasons, some children may choose to wear black leggings or joggers instead of shorts)
- a pair of trainers (in addition to their school shoes)
- plain black joggers/tracksuit for outdoor games
- tights must be changed for leggings or joggers with socks.

Swimming (KS2)

- swimming trunks/shorts (boys)
- one-piece swimming costume (girls)
- towel
- swimming hat for long hair (hair that covers eyes when wet)
- goggles are optional

PE kit should be kept in a drawstring PE bag.

Some activities, such as gymnastics, will be done in bare feet, but children must have a change of shoes i.e. trainers, for outdoor games lessons.

Children selected to represent the school teams at football, netball, athletics or cross country will be loaned school kit, but will be expected to wear appropriate boots and shin pads.

3. Inappropriate clothing

As stated above, children are expected to uphold the good name of the school by dressing smartly and appropriately. Jeans or leisure trousers are not suitable for a day's learning in a school, neither are clothes with inappropriate designs or logos (skulls, slang or other inappropriate language). Bare midriffs are also not permitted from either boys or girls. Any of the above are a distraction from the prime reason for the child's presence in school - to work and learn.

On non-uniform days themes may be selected e.g. 'spots', 'super heroes'. However, clothing, including shoes, should still be modest and practical for an active day of learning.

4. Other items

On health and safety grounds we do not normally allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are: watches (watches with step tracker functions are allowed at the teacher's discretion); studs in pierced ears; and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain (provided these are tucked away inside clothing). We ask the children to **remove jewellery during PE, swimming and games**, and studs must be covered with micropore tape or removed. Necklaces of religious significance which cannot be removed must be covered by a polo necked sweater for PE. Participation in PE and games is at the teacher's discretion in these circumstances. Earrings other than studs are not permitted.

Long hair must be tied back securely at all times and especially when doing PE.

Windermere does not permit children to have extreme haircuts (e.g. Mohican style) or patterns shaved into the hair, as they could serve as a distraction to other children.

The school does not permit children to have **long or sharp nails** as they present a danger to others. **Make-up** and **nail varnish** (including acrylic nails) are not permitted, except spot/blemish concealer and anti-biting nail varnish.

Caps to shield eyes and forehead from the sun may be worn outdoors only and must be removed before entering the school building. **Caps are not to be worn backwards** and should not, like other clothing, carry inappropriate slogans, logos or designs. School caps are available. **Sunglasses** are not to be worn indoors.

Any water bottles, pencil cases and other items should not have inappropriate designs or slogans.

5. Footwear

Footwear for school activities must be sensible, safe and appropriate for a day's education at Windermere. Both boys and girls must wear black school shoes. These must not be platform soles, heeled, or open toe sandals. Ugg boots, croc-style footwear, flip-flops, boots above ankle height, footwear with wedges, chains or jewellery are either unsafe or inappropriate for a day's schooling and are therefore not permitted. We do not advise laces until your child is competent to tie them. We do, however, recognise the importance of parents practising these skills with their children at home, and encourage parents to support their children in developing such skills, which help to improve their level of independence within the school environment. Parents should provide wellington boots to change into when the weather is snowy so children can go outside at playtime.

6. The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for the school day. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher or the Governing Body. 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.

7. The role of Governors

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. The school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. 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.

8. The role of Teachers

Teachers at the school have the right to counsel children regarding inappropriate dress, and are expected to uphold this policy, whilst using their tact, common sense and judgement. Teachers may discuss matters relating to uniform with parents if this is deemed appropriate.

9. Monitoring and review

The Governing Body will monitor and review this policy every three years or sooner and in light of any requests from parents for children to have special dispensations.