



Whitkirk Primary School's Uniform Policy

'Be the best that we can be'

Introduction

At Whitkirk Primary School, we pride ourselves on being smart, well-presented and ready for learning. Our school uniform promotes a sense of pride in our school and helps to create a sense of community and belonging.

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

We are committed to ensuring that our uniform is affordable and provides good value for money. We keep branded items to a minimum and ensure that the majority of uniform items can be purchased from a range of retailers.

Our uniform policy is based on the following principles:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Creates a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical, safe, smart and suitable for indoor and outdoor learning
- Helps identify pupils as members of the Whitkirk community
- Encourages equality and reduces distractions caused by fashion trends and labels
- Provides good value for money for families

Uniform Requirements

Children should wear:

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts
- White or pale blue blouse/shirt or white polo shirt
- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt (hooded sweatshirts are not permitted)
- Smart black shoes or plain black trainers
- Plain navy, black, grey or white socks
- Plain grey tights
- Blue and white checked or striped summer dress
- Plain black, blue, grey or white belt if required

All shirts and blouses must be tucked in. Skirts, pinafores and dresses should be of an appropriate knee-length style.

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Branded cardigans and sweatshirts are available from approved suppliers. Plain royal blue alternatives are also acceptable.

PE Kit

Children should wear:

- Plain navy shorts
- Plain white T-shirt (without buttons or accessories)
- For indoor PE: black pumps or bare feet
- For outdoor PE: sturdy trainers and a plain navy tracksuit top and bottoms
- Football kits or replica sports strips are not permitted

PE shorts should be an appropriate length for school and physical activity. Extremely short shorts are not suitable for school and should not be worn.

Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons.

All jewellery must be removed before PE lessons. Where earrings cannot be removed independently, they must be removed at home on PE days.

On PE days, children should attend school wearing their full PE kit. This helps to maximise learning time and reduces the need for changing facilities in school. PE kit should be clean, practical and suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Appearance and Jewellery

We ask that children present themselves in a way that reflects our school values and promotes a positive learning environment.

Hair

- Hairstyles should be neat and appropriate for school.
- Hair should be a natural colour.
- Hairstyles should not include shaved patterns, lines, shapes, words or designs.
- Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back.

Hair Accessories

- Hair accessories should be small, practical and in school colours (blue, grey, black or white).

Jewellery

- Children may wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings and a watch.
- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum for health and safety reasons.

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Makeup and Nails

Children should not wear:

- Makeup
- Nail varnish
- Acrylic or false nails
- Nail extensions
- Temporary tattoos

Exceptions may be made **for themed events, charity days or performances where appropriate.**

Smart Watches

Smart watches with camera, recording, messaging, internet or phone functionality are not permitted in school.

Requests for Modifications

Whitkirk Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds, faiths and cultures.

Reasonable adjustments will be made where required for religious, cultural, medical, sensory or disability-related reasons.

Parents and carers wishing to discuss any individual requirements should contact the Headteacher in the first instance. Requests will always be considered sympathetically and in line with our duties under equality legislation.

Responsibilities

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform
- Ensure all uniform items are clearly named
- Support the school in maintaining high expectations of presentation

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The school will:

- Apply the uniform policy fairly and consistently
- Consider individual requests for reasonable adjustments
- Keep the affordability of uniform under review
- Support families experiencing financial hardship where possible

Availability of Uniform

Uniform can be purchased from:

- Tesco School Uniform

Whitkirk Primary School supports sustainable and affordable access to school uniform.

Information about second-hand uniform can be found through:

- Leeds School Uniform Exchange
The school will continue to explore opportunities to expand access to second-hand uniform for families.

Governance and Monitoring

The Governing Body will monitor and review the effectiveness of this policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents and carers
- Reviewing the affordability and accessibility of school uniform
- Considering requests for reasonable adjustments or exemptions
- Ensuring the policy remains compliant with statutory guidance

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