Thomas Willingale School

School Uniform and Equipment Policy

Review to be ‘as and when required’ by governors. Spring 24

Introduction

It is our policy that **all** children, from Reception to Year 6 inclusive, should wear school uniform when attending our school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours unless otherwise instructed. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform at our school as an Appendix to this policy.

Aims and objectives

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 good value for money, by most parents/carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do **not** allow children to wear jewellery in our school, this includes necklaces, chains, bangles, rings etc. The exceptions to this rule are **one, small (no larger than 0.5 cm in diameter) pair of earring studs** in pierced ears, however, we ask the children to remove these objects before PE activities and preferably remove them before they come to school. Children can no longer put tape over earrings for PE.

Wrist watches may be worn once the child can tell the time. The design of these watches should not be extreme or 'gimmicky' e.g. Spider Man, Ben 10. Smart watches are not allowed in school.

Where any item of 'jewellery' is worn for religious or cultural reasons this must be discussed on your child's admission to school.

The school accepts **no responsibility** for any item of jewellery worn in school, as our best advice is that your child should not wear any item of jewellery.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. If you allow your child to have an 'extreme' haircut this may be seen as a breach of our school rules and policies and you may be asked to keep your child at home until their hair grows or the hair cut is rectified.

Pupils should wear their hair in a tidy fashion, without colouring, braids or extensions (unless for cultural reasons of which the school should be informed). Hair decorations should be kept as plain and simple as possible. Any pupil with hair that can be tied back must have it tied back for PE activities (for reasons of health and safety) and to make it easier to work in class.

Footwear

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 do not allow the wearing of 'jellies', 'wedges' or open-toed sandals. (This applies to children from Nursery to Year 6 inclusive.)

We require all children (from Nursery to Year 6 inclusive) to wear the types of footwear described in more detail in the uniform list. Daily school footwear should be black in colour. In addition, we encourage all children to bring a pair of wellies into school to use at lunchtimes so they can access the whole school site and all of the varied activities. These should be kept in school. (See Opal Playtime policy for more information.)

Equipment

Stationery

The school will provide the necessary stationery for children. Children do not, therefore, need to bring in their own pencils, pens, pencil cases etc. Should a child bring in their own pencil case from home they will be reminded that they do not need to bring one in and asked to keep it in their bag and take it home with them at the end of the day.

Bags

Children throughout the school should not bring in large rucksack or backpack style bags. These are unnecessary and we do not have the space to store them. The school book bag is sufficient for every child's day to day needs. If a child is taking part in a school club activity and needs to bring in a change of clothes and/or footwear, they may, on these occasions bring in a larger bag for this purpose.

Mobile Phones

Children in Year 5 and 6 **only**, if they have permission from parents, can walk to and from school without their adults. They may bring in a non smart mobile phones if they are doing this. However, mobile phones should be turned off when they enter the playground and should not be turned back on until they leave the premises at the end of the day. The phones should be handed to their class teacher at the start of the day and will be stored in the teacher's cupboard, and they will be returned to the child as they leave at the end of the day. The school takes no responsibility for the safety and security of a child's mobile phone whilst on school premises.

The role of parents and carers

All parents and carers who send their children to our school are agreeing to fully support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. We follow the government guidelines and do not insist on items with the school logo. We are also able to provide second hand uniform if cost is an issue.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. 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 and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat children with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform and equipment policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical and that the children are provided with suitable stationery.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body as and when it is deemed necessary.

Signed: R. Jenkins (Chair of Governors)

Date: Spring 2024
Review when necessary

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School Uniform for children in Years 1 - 6

Winter Uniform

Dark green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan, with or without school logo.
White polo shirt, with or without school logo (to be worn 'tucked in')
White, plain blouse or shirt (to be worn 'tucked in')
Grey trousers (not leggings).
Grey skirts or pinafore dresses.
Black shoes or black trainers. (All year) *
Boots may be worn to and from school but are not to be worn in class. Children will need to bring a pair of shoes with them to change into.
Socks: white, grey or dark green
Tights: white, grey or dark green
(leggings, ¾ lengths and shorts are not be worn under skirts/pinafores as a substitute or addition)
Wellies, warm, waterproof coats for playtimes.

No direction from Governors on winter coats – only that they should be suitable for wet/cold weather and have the child's name in them.

Summer Uniform

Dark green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan, with or without school logo.
White polo shirt, with or without school logo (to be worn 'tucked in')
White, plain blouse or shirt (to be worn 'tucked in')
Green and white checked or striped dresses or blouse/skirt sets.
Trousers or shorts (not P.E. style shorts).
Shoes: as above but also sandals with low heels and closed in toes – black, white (for the Summer term only) *
(No boots, jellies, Crocs, flip-flops, wedges or footwear of these types.)
Wellies for playtimes.

Sun hat, baseball cap or similar in the Summer/warm weather.

P.E.

Children come to school on their P.E. days wearing their P.E. kit

All children to wear black P.E. shorts, not cycling shorts, with yellow t-shirt.
Tracksuits may be worn for outdoor P.E. activities and should be dark green (black, navy, dark grey are acceptable alternative).
Plain black trainers.

Note:

* Boots may be worn to and from school but children will need to either bring shoes with them to school to change into or wear their trainers (if applicable) in the school building.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME (not just initials).

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School Uniform for children in Reception

Winter Uniform

Dark green tracksuit (You may wish to purchase the sweatshirt top with logo but this is not essential.) There is an option for plain grey tracksuit bottoms. OR
White polo shirt, with or without school logo (to be worn 'tucked in') OR
to assist those parents and carers who may have uniform they wish to use, for , grey trousers (not leggings), grey skirts or pinafore dresses may be worn as an alternative to the school tracksuit.
Black shoes or black trainers. (All year) *
Socks: white, grey or dark green
Tights: white, grey or dark green
(leggings, ¾ lengths and shorts are not be worn under skirts/pinafores as a substitute or addition)
No direction from Governors on winter coats – only that they should be suitable for wet/cold weather and have the child's name in them.

Summer Uniform

Dark green tracksuit may be worn (with the option of plain grey tracksuit bottoms). OR
Dark green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan, with or without school logo.
White polo shirt, with or without school logo (to be worn 'tucked in')
Dark green polo shirt (no logo) (to be worn 'tucked in')
White, plain blouse or shirt (to be worn 'tucked in')
Green and white checked or striped dresses or blouse/skirt sets.
Grey shorts (not P.E. style shorts).
Shoes: as above but also sandals with low heels and closed in toes – black, white (for the Summer term only) *
(No boots, jellies, Crocs, flip-flops, wedges or footwear of these types.)
Sun hat, baseball cap or similar in the Summer/warm weather.

P.E.

All children to wear black P.E. shorts, not cycling shorts, with yellow t-shirt.
Tracksuits may be worn for outdoor P.E. activities.
Plain black trainers.

Note:

* Boots may be worn to and from school but children will need to either bring shoes with them to school to change into or trainers (if applicable) in the school building.

ALL children in Reception need to have a pair of Wellington boots in school at all times.

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School Uniform for children in Nursery

There is no 'set' uniform for children attending our Nursery (with the exception of footwear). You may wish to consider purchasing a dark green track suit with white or green polo shirts which is the preferred uniform for our Reception children. There is also the option of wearing plain grey tracksuit bottoms with the dark green school sweatshirt.

Winter Uniform

Dark green tracksuit may be worn (with the option of plain grey tracksuit bottoms
(You may wish to purchase the sweatshirt top with logo but this is not essential.)
White polo shirt, with or without school logo OR
Black shoes or black trainers. (All year)
Boots may be worn to and from school but are not to be worn in class. Children will need to bring a pair of shoes with them to change into.

Footwear

Please do not send your child in wearing any of the following types/styles of footwear, they are not suitable for the activities children undertake in the Nursery setting: jellies, Crocs, flip-flops, wedges, 'open-toed' shoes/sandals.

ALL children in Nursery need to have a pair of Wellington boots in school at all times.

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