



## School Uniform Policy – January 2023

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1** It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.
- 1.2** Winter uniform (Shirt/blouse and tie) applies from October half term to Easter. Between Easter and October half-term children can choose to wear polo shirts / summer dresses although this is optional.

### **2 Aims and objectives**

- 2.1** Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
  - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
  - is practical and smart;
  - identifies the children with the school;
  - prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
  - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
  - is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
  - is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **3 Jewellery**

- 3.1** On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster if newly pierced, to prevent them from causing injury.

### **4 Extreme haircuts**

- 4.1** The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' 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 that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

### **6 The role of parents**



**6.1** 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 their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

**6.2** If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

**6.3** Parents are invited to support the Home / School agreement when their child first starts Whetstone Field Primary School.

## **7 The role of governors**

**7.1** The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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 regulations concerning 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** The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requesting that the head teacher report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

**Signed:**

**Date: January 2023**

**Review January 2025**



## Appendix 1: School Uniform Expectations

We operate a Summer / Winter uniform policy at Whetstone and we would like to clarify the expectations for each period. Please note that all uniform in Nursery is optional so please stick to uniform / clothes that your child is comfortable in.

### Winter Uniform (November – Easter)

- Red jumper or cardigan
- White tailored shirt / blouse – please note that polo shirts are not permitted during this period – white shirt / blouse and tie is expected
- School tie
- Grey flannel trousers (boys or girls) / knee-length grey skirt OR grey pinafore (girls)
- Boys – Grey Socks
- Girls – White socks or red/white/grey/black tights
- Sensible flat, black shoes (NO TRAINERS)
- Small black ankle boots (flat heels) are permitted in cold / adverse weather

### Summer Uniform (Easter – October half-term)

- Boys – Short sleeved red polo shirt, grey trousers (short or long), or shirt and red jumper. Ties should still be worn if a child is wearing a shirt.
- Girls – Red checked dress and red jumper / cardigan or white blouse and skirt
- Rubber beach shoes (cros) are not suitable.
- Jewellery – Please note that a watch and stud earrings are the only items of jewellery allowed in school.
- Nail polish is NOT allowed.
- Hair colour should be natural and hair gel, extreme hair styles or “tramlines” are not allowed. Long hair (shoulder length) should also be tied back for boys and girls.
- **School uniform without logos can be purchased from any local supermarket. We don't insist on uniform with logos on.**