Cherry Tree Primary School

School Uniform Policy 2026

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1. About this policy

This policy sets out Cherry Tree Primary School's uniform and PE kit, where to buy each item, and how we keep uniform affordable for every family.

We believe a school uniform:

- sets an appropriate, positive tone;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- supports positive behaviour;
- protects children from social pressure to dress in a particular way;
- promotes equality between children; and
- takes account of health and safety.

2. Legal framework

This policy has regard to:

- the Department for Education's statutory guidance Cost of school uniforms (updated July 2026);
- the Education (Cost of School Uniforms) Act 2021;
- the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, which limits compulsory branded items to three for primary schools from September 2026;
- the Equality Act 2010; and
- Warrington Borough Council's expectations for school uniform policies.

3. Our uniform

We require **three** branded items: the polo shirt, the sweatshirt or cardigan, and the PE t-shirt. This is within the legal limit of three for primary schools. All other items are generic and can be bought from any retailer or second-hand.

Item	Required?	Branded?	Where to buy	When worn
Green polo shirt with Cherry Tree logo	Required	Branded	Warrington Schoolwear, or second-hand	Every day
Green sweatshirt or cardigan with Cherry Tree logo	Required	Branded	Warrington Schoolwear, or second-hand	Every day
Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts	Required	Generic	Any retailer	Every day
Green gingham summer dress	Optional	Generic	Any retailer	Warm weather, instead of the polo shirt and trousers, skirt or shorts
Black, white or grey socks, or grey tights	Required	Generic	Any retailer	Every day
Black shoes	Required	Generic	Any retailer	Every day
Sturdy flat sandals with an ankle strap	Optional	Generic	Any retailer	Summer, instead of shoes

Item	Required?	Branded?	Where to buy	When worn
Sun hat, labelled	Optional (encouraged)	Generic	Any retailer	Outdoors in summer
Warm coat	Required in winter	Generic, any style	Any retailer	Outdoor play every day unless raining heavily
Cherry Tree book bag	Optional	Branded	Warrington Schoolwear	Any plain bag may be used instead

Please label every item of clothing with your child's name. For younger children, please send spare underwear in a bag in case of accidents.

4. PE kit

Children come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. You will be told which days these are when your child starts school.

Item	Required?	Branded?	Where to buy	When worn
Dark green t-shirt with Cherry Tree logo	Required	Branded	Warrington Schoolwear, or second-hand	PE days
Black shorts, skort or tracksuit bottoms	Required	Generic	Any retailer	PE days; tracksuit bottoms recommended in winter
Trainers	Required	Generic	Any retailer	PE days
Dark green tracksuit top with Cherry Tree logo (initials can be added)	Optional	Branded	Warrington Schoolwear	PE days; any plain dark top or the school sweatshirt may be worn instead

5. Hair, jewellery and appearance

- Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back. Hair accessories should be small and in school colours.
- No jewellery is to be worn, apart from very small stud earrings.
- Nail varnish should not be worn in school.

These rules do not stop children wearing items for religious or cultural reasons, such as a head covering, turban, patka or kara, or a medical alert bracelet. We do not ban natural or protective hairstyles, including afros, braids, cornrows, twists and locs. Please talk to the school office if you have any questions.

6. Buying uniform

Branded items are available from Warrington Schoolwear:

- Online: https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/cherry-tree-primary-school/
- in store: 50–54 Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NN; and

- by telephone: 01925 576868.

Items can be collected from the store, delivered to your home, or delivered free of charge to school. Delivery normally takes one to two weeks.

Generic items, including grey trousers, skirts and pinafores, the summer dress, socks, shoes and PE shorts and trainers, can be bought from any shop or supermarket.

7. Second-hand uniform

Second-hand uniform, including branded items, is available to all families:

- through the PTA's Facebook group, Cherry Tree PTA Uniform Sale, where each item costs a £1 donation to the PTA;
- at second-hand uniform sales the PTA runs in school from time to time; and
- through the school office, discreetly, for families who do not use Facebook or who need help with uniform.

8. Keeping the cost of uniform down

The school will:

- keep compulsory branded items to three or fewer, including PE kit;
- allow generic alternatives wherever possible, and keep optional branded items to a minimum;
- not require specific coats, bags or shoes that children could also wear outside school;
- choose low-cost, long-lasting branded items;
- make sure second-hand uniform is freely available;
- not make a profit from uniform or accept cashback from suppliers, and pass any negotiated savings on to parents; and
- make sure non-uniform days are optional and that taking part never depends on a donation.

Our branded items are supplied by Warrington Schoolwear under a written contract, which was last tendered in **July 2025.** The governing board will re-tender the contract at least every five years, giving the highest priority to cost and value for money for parents.

9. Help with the cost of uniform

We know buying uniform can be difficult for some families. If you need help, please speak to the school office in confidence. We will try to help, for example with second-hand items.

10. Equality

This policy is designed not to discriminate against any pupil because of a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, including sex, race, religion or belief, disability and gender reassignment.

- Uniform items are not defined by sex. Any child may wear any item on the uniform list.
- Religious and cultural dress is accommodated, as set out in section 5.
- Reasonable adjustments are made for children with SEND or medical needs, for example sensory-friendly fabrics or shoes with Velcro fastenings. Please speak to the class teacher or SENCO.

11. Roles and responsibilities

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that each item is clean, in good condition and labelled.

The Headteacher

The Headteacher makes sure the policy is applied fairly and sensitively, and that families who are struggling with uniform are supported rather than penalised.

The governing board

The governing board will make sure the uniform:

- is appropriate for our school's context;
- is affordable, practical and safe for all pupils; and
- is applied fairly across the school.

The board will consult parents and pupils on cost before making any significant change to the uniform, and will be able to show how their views were taken into account.

12. Complaints

Concerns about uniform, including cost, should be raised first with the school office or Headteacher. If you remain unhappy, please follow the school's Complaints Procedure, which is published on the school website.

If you have completed the complaints procedure, or believe the school is not following the statutory guidance, you can contact the Department for Education through its online contact form. Complaints about the supply or quality of items should go to Warrington Schoolwear first.

13. Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the Headteacher in December 2028, or sooner if the law or guidance changes, and approved by the full governing board.