



Wombwell Park Street Primary School

Uniform Policy

Introduction:

The *Department for Education* strongly encourages schools to have a uniform because it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Governing Body of Wombwell Park Street Primary School agrees with this, but equally wants to ensure that it carefully considers the reasonable requests to vary the Policy where necessary (to meet the needs of individual children or to accommodate their religion or beliefs, ethnicity or disability). The Governing Body has given careful consideration to the practicality of the school uniform (and the PE uniform), how comfortable it is for children, how easily available it is and the cost of it for parents. This Policy will be revised at appropriate intervals (every three years as a minimum). Governors have a responsibility to support school Leaders in ensuring this Policy is followed. Parents have a responsibility to support school's Policy and ensure their children adhere to it. School Leaders and staff have a responsibility to ensure children are kept safe and follow the Policy.

Aims and Objectives:

Our Policy is based on the understanding that the adoption of a standard school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- creates a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies our children with our school
- doesn't distract others in class like fashion items / personal choice may well do, so is more suitable for learning
- creates a sense of equality
- is designed to keep wellbeing, health and safety as a priority.

Our Governing Body would like all children to wear their school uniform on all occasions, including trips (unless otherwise stated by teachers). Parents are required to bear in mind that school likes to create a sense of social independence and would encourage parents to purchase uniform which the children can manage themselves (eg zip ups until confident with buttons; velcro until confident with laces). Parents are required to ensure uniforms are marked clearly with their child's name and class.

Our School Uniform:

The school has adopted a standard form of dress. Pupils are encouraged to wear:

- A burgundy sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan (with the option of having the school name and logo on)
- A white / burgundy polo shirt with the school logo on (with the option of having the school name and logo on)
- Grey trousers, skirts or pinafores
- During summer months, girls may wear a blue/white dog tooth checked dress as an alternative (but the school does not object to burgundy/white dog tooth either); boys and girls may both wear smart grey shorts.

The school has adopted the following uniform for PE lessons:

- A white t-shirt
- A pair of black shorts
- A pair of black pumps / black trainers
- During winter months, children may wear a pair of black jogging bottoms and a black jumper.

Footwear:

The school strongly recommends that children come to school in sensible, smart, plain black shoes (leather where possible). Certain footwear is NOT permitted, including trainers and shoes with high heels/platforms, roller shoes or sandals in summer. Brightly coloured shoes are discouraged.

No indoor shoes / pumps are required.

Jewellery, Makeup and Hair:

A simple watch and small studs are allowed to be worn in school; no ear rings / hand rings are permitted, due to health and safety reasons. As well as this, no other part of the body should have a piercing in. Studs must be removed for PE/swimming by the child, or they will face exclusion from the lessons (in line with LA Policy). *Staff are not responsible for the removal, insertion and storage of earrings and the storage of other jewellery.* False nails or nail varnish should not be worn by children; staff may speak to children and their parents regarding this issue, should they be worn. Children may wear head scarves / head dresses, in uniform colours, if this is a religious / cultural wish (burgundy / grey / black). Children are not permitted to wear leggings for school and are discouraged from wearing over the top bows / head bands in their hair. No over the top hair styles should be worn, to prevent distractions to learning and hair should not be dyed.

How to order uniform:

Uniform can be ordered using the following link. It is recommended that this is opened using Chrome:

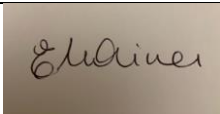

<https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk/Primary-Schools/Park-Street-Primary/>

Non-compliance with the school uniform:

Disputes about school uniforms should be resolved with the school directly and should be pursued in accordance with the school's complaints policy. Should a pupil choose to not comply with teacher requests and not follow school rules, the child would be dealt with using the school's Behaviour Policy and discuss the issues with the child's parents. The Headteacher, or a person authorised by the Headteacher, may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform (asking family to collect, amend the uniform and return the child to school). This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. If the school is considering excluding a pupil in response to breaches of uniform policy then this will be done in line with the legal requirements for exclusion.

NB: School have used the following website and publications to agree this policy:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform>

Chair of Governors	
Headteacher	
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