



Woodlawn Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending Woodlawn Primary School, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. It is the belief of the school that the wearing of a school uniform by pupils, helps promote effective discipline and therefore contributes to more effective learning and teaching. (Refer to the school's Positive Behaviour Policy).

This policy adheres to the guidelines provided by the Department of Education Northern Ireland. (Circular 2011/04).

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 cost effective;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

To maintain our schools' high standards and encourage respect for our school community:
We would have an expectation that:

- All pupils come to school in the appropriate uniform every day.
- ♦ No jewellery of any kind should be worn, this includes earrings and studs for boys or girls.
- ♦ Girls with longer hair should have it tied back from their face either by a hairband, hairclips or elasticated loops. Hair ribbons or clips should be in the school colours.
- In Woodlawn Primary School we would prefer that boys should have hair no longer than collar length whilst the shaving of heads/designs and hair dye is not welcomed for any pupil.

Foundation Stage – Primary 1 and 2 pupils

Girls

White polo shirt
Maroon school jumper/cardigan
Grey skirt/pinafore
White socks/plain grey tights
Hair ribbons or clips should be in the school colours
Black shoes (low heel)

Boys

White polo shirt
Maroon school jumper
Grey trousers
Grey socks
Black shoes

Summer alternative Term 3 + September

Girls

Maroon/red/pink gingham summer dress
White cardigan/maroon school cardigan/jumper
White socks
White sandals or white laced plimsolls

Boys

White polo shirt
Maroon school jumper
Grey trousers or grey knee-length shorts
Grey socks
Black shoes

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 – Primary 3-7 pupils

Girls

White shirt
School tie
Maroon school jumper/cardigan
Grey skirt/pinafore
White socks/plain grey tights
Hair ribbons or clips should be in the school colours
Black shoes (low heel)

Boys

White shirt
School tie
Maroon school jumper
Grey trousers
Grey socks
Black shoes

Summer alternative Term 3 + September

Girls

Maroon/red/pink gingham summer dress
White cardigan/maroon school cardigan/jumper
White socks
White sandals or white laced plimsolls

Boys

White polo shirt
Maroon school jumper
Grey trousers or grey knee-length shorts
Grey socks
Black shoes

PE uniform is for ALL pupils. This may be worn on PE days.

- **Plain white t-shirt/polo shirt**
- **Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings**
- **School sweatshirt**
- **Trainers**
- **Black PE slippers (must be kept in school for use in the hall)**

Make-Up

The governors deem it inappropriate for pupils in our school to wear make-up and therefore it should not be worn.

Uniform Grants

Uniform/P.E Uniform Grant Financial assistance is available for school uniform and P.E uniform through the Education Authority for certain categories of pupils attending primary schools. Further details are available from the school secretary or from the Education Authority. Alternatively, parents/carers can visit the following website for more information: www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to

The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of this school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers are also asked to label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.

The Role of Governors

The Board of Governors support the Principal and Leadership Team in implementing the school's uniform policy, considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Monitoring and Review

The governors are very proud of how the children look with respect to the wearing of our school uniform and thank parents in anticipation of their valued support in this important area of school life. Parent and pupil views are valued and considered when policy is being reviewed and will be taken into consideration at the next review of this policy, summer term 2024. The governors, and principal will consider carefully any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil, on the grounds of religion, race, gender or a medical condition.