

Willoughby Primary
School
'Learning for Life'



School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is Willoughby Primary School's policy that all children of compulsory school age wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our School Prospectus.

1 Aims and Objectives

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 / Carers
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

2 School Uniform

Our school uniform can be purchased via the school office from Just School Wear. We review our school uniform supplier to ensure value for money. It is equally acceptable for parents to source school uniform from other vendors such as the major supermarket chains or alternative outside stockists. Friends of Willoughby School (FOWs) also have a stock of second hand uniform which is readily available to all parents..

Our uniform is as follows:

2.1 For Boys

- Grey / Black trousers or shorts
- White or red polo t-shirt
- Red fleece or sweatshirt
- Black shoes
- Grey socks

2.2 For Girls

- Grey / Black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- White or red polo t-shirt
- Red sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- Red and White gingham dress – summer
- Black shoes
- Grey tights or socks

2.3 PE Kit

- White school t-shirt
- Red Shorts
- Pair of plimsolls for inside /trainers for outside
- Pair of socks if tights are worn
- Hairband / clips to tie back long hair
- Jogging bottoms – winter
- PE kit should be in a draw string bag
- Hooded fleece (optional)
- Swimming trunks – no shorts (boys)
- One piece swimming costume – (girls)
- Goggles (with consent form)

3 Jewellery

We do not allow children to wear jewellery in school on health and safety grounds.

The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings 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, to prevent them from causing injury to either themselves or others.

4 Modifications to the School Uniform

If any parent would like to modify the school uniform, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

As per our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Willoughby Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why Parents / Carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If Parents / Carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then a note should be sent to the class teacher explaining why this is the case and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

5 Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 Parents / Carers

We ask all Parents / Carers who send their children to Willoughby Primary School to support the School Uniform Policy.

- We believe that Parents / Carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school attendance
- We ask that Parents / Carers ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair
- We would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing school uniform (A School Uniform Grant may be available to Parents / Carers who qualify – contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0844 980 8080)

5.2 Governors

The Governing Body will:

- Support the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy
- Consider, with the Headteacher, all representations from Parents / Carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform
- Liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical
- Ensure that the views of Parents / Carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy

6 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

At Willoughby Primary School, we aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs.

We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.

7 Policy Review

This policy will be regularly reviewed by the Governing Body and updated in line with Willoughby Primary School's Policy Schedule.

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Date for Review:	March 2026