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## **School Uniform Policy**

### **1. Introduction**

*School Standards Minister Nick Gibb: 'School uniforms are important in establishing the right ethos in a school. They also help to improve behaviour and a sense of belonging and identity.'*

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

### **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.
- Is accessible and affordable to all. Non-branded items of the same colour may be worn.

### **2. School Uniform**

Our school uniform can be purchased directly from our local suppliers shop, Emblematic. Our uniform incorporates the Whitley Memorial Primary School logo. We regularly review our school uniform supplier to ensure value for money.

If parents / carers prefer, however, a plain alternative in the same colours may be obtained from outside stockists.

Our uniform is as follows:-

#### **Years Nursery –Y4**

- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Red jumper or hoodie
- Black shoe/ trainers

#### **Year 5 and 6**

- White shirt
- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey jumper or hoodie
- School tie
- Black shoes/ trainers



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**PE Kit**

- White t-shirt (not vest)
- Black Shorts.
- Plimsolls / trainers
- Pair of socks if tights are worn
- Hairband / clips to tie back long hair
- Jogging bottoms and fleece / hoodie for outdoor lessons
- PE kit should be in a named draw string bag / back pack

**3. Jewellery**

We do not allow children to wear any jewellery in school on health and safety grounds. Children **should not** have earrings, metal or plastic studs are **not** permitted.

**4. Inappropriate Hairstyles**

The school does not permit children to have inappropriate hairstyles or haircuts that serve as a distraction to the child or to other children. This includes dyed or coloured hair. Long hair should be tied back.

**5. Footwear**

We do not permit children to wear:

- Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height because we believe that these are dangerous.

**6. 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 and Diversity Policy, Whitley Memorial 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. On that day the child must wear plain clothing ie no pictures or logos.

Children may be asked to change into a school jumper, if inappropriately dressed.

**7. Roles and Responsibilities**

**Parents / Carers**



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We ask all parents / carers who send their children to Whitley Memorial 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. We can financially support these parents with the purchase of uniform.

**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 view of parents / carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy.
- Require the Headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the implementation of the School Uniform Policy.

**8. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

At Whitley Memorial 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.

**10. Policy Review**

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

Signed: C Gray Head Teacher

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Dated: 10/05/21

Signed: .....Chair of Governors

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