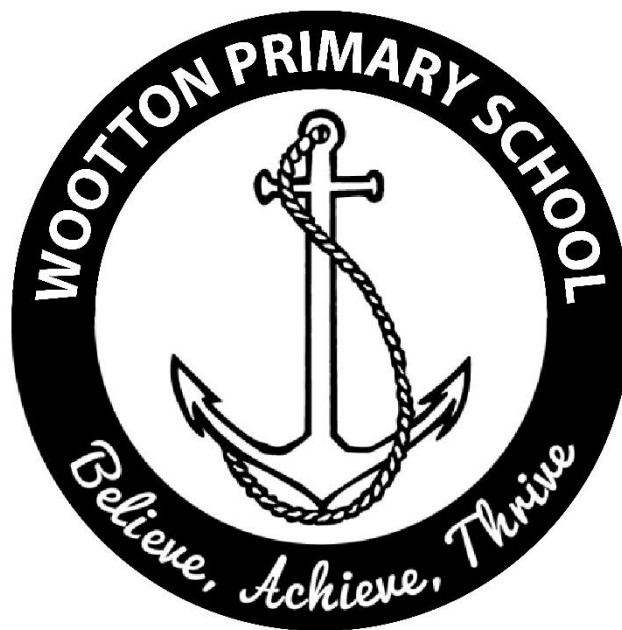


Wootton Primary School



Uniform Policy

Date Approved	Body	Review Date
Autumn 2026	Local Governing Body	Autumn 2027



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Aims and Objectives:

In this policy we aim to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

Policy into Practice:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Our School's Legal Duty under The Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with the SENCO or Deputy Head Teacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Limiting the Cost of School Uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Ensuring any items with distinctive characteristics e.g. branded jumpers, are optional
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes

Expectations

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Any pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their class teacher and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school Uniform Policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Where to buy school uniform

Branded jumpers and cardigans can be purchased online from [Brigade Uniform](#),

Branded PE tops and mid-layer PE jumpers can be purchased from [No Limitz](#).

The children do not have to wear branded jumpers, cardigans, T-shirts or PE Uniform. Unbranded uniform can be purchased from most major shops and supermarkets at competitive prices.

On each site, there is a supply of good quality preloved and nearly new uniform available. Please contact our Family Support Workers if you would like any of this uniform.

School Uniform List

Winter Uniform – Autumn and Spring Terms

- Red v-neck sweatshirt/jumper or v-neck cardigan
- Grey or black long trousers
- Grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- White or red polo shirt or white blouse

- Black, grey or red tights,
- Black, white or grey socks
- Black or dark coloured shoes (no trainers or block heels)

Optional Summer Term / Warm Weather Uniform

- Grey or black shorts
- Red and white checked dress / culottes / playsuits

PE Kit

Harris Way

To continue to support the children in developing their independence and encouraging children to dress themselves, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will bring a PE kit to school and will get themselves dressed at school prior to their PE lessons. PE kits will be kept in school and sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. At Harris Way our PE kit consists of:

- A plain red T shirt or Logo PE top (Supplier)
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black track suit – joggers and jumper – For safety reasons no hoodies please!
- Plimsolls or trainers

Bedford Road

As children move into KS2, children can come into school, in their PE kits on PE days only. Parents will be notified at the start of the academic of their child's PE days. At Bedford Road our PE kit consists of:

- A plain red T shirt or logo PE top (Uniform supplier)
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black joggers or leggings
- A plain red jumper or red mid-layer PE jumper (Uniform supplier). For safety reasons no hoodies please!
- Trainers

Headscarves/Hijab

These may be worn for religious reasons in school colours (red and black).

Jewellery

It is not appropriate for children to wear jewellery except a small, sensible watch and a pair of small plain stud earrings. Smart watches are not permitted.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school. All long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back. Only small head bands, bobbles and scrunchies are permitted in the school colours (red, white or black).

School Bags

There is no reason for children to bring large bags into school. There is a great shortage of space in the cloakrooms and large bags exacerbate the problem. Lunch boxes can be carried and stored on trolleys.

The children are all gifted a Wootton Lower School Book bag when they join the school. Book bags should continue to be used throughout the children's time at our school.

Monitoring and Review:

This policy will be reviewed every three years by the Local Governing Body.

Signed **Date**