



Windsor Academy Trust

Great Wyrley Academy

School Uniform Policy	
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1. Aims

This policy aims 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

2. Our school's legal duties 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 request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- 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 their Form Tutor or Head of Year, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. 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
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- 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
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

- Black sensible length pleated skirt and/or black tailored trousers
- White shirt or blouse – long enough to be tucked in
- School tie (House)
- School jumper (optional) - 'V' neck black with the school badge or plain black
- Burgundy blazer with the school badge worn on the blazer pocket
- Plain black formal shoes
- Black, grey, burgundy or natural tights
- Black or grey socks

Hoodies are not allowed in school.

For clarification:

- School skirts should be pleated and of an appropriate length of which we deem to be between knee length to just above the ankle.
- Trousers should be black cotton school trousers (skinny jeans, leggings or tight trousers are not acceptable or suitable).
- All students should wear plain black formal shoes (trainers are not acceptable footwear).
- Headscarves must be plain black.
- Ties must be fastened correctly so as to cover the fastened top button of the shirt.
- Facial piercings are not permitted.
- Smart watches are not permitted.

Hairstyles

Unnatural hair colours/highlights are not acceptable. Extreme patterns, stripes or lines cut into the hair are not allowed.

Makeup

Natural, discreet, barely noticeable makeup is permitted; if it is deemed excessive or inappropriate students will be asked to remove it. False eyelashes and eyeliner should not be worn in school.

Nail polish

False/acrylic nails/tips and nail polish are not permitted in school. Failure to adhere to this will result in the student being asked to remove them or the nail polish.

The school will determine what is acceptable and suitable in the interests of maintaining high standards and student's modesty.

Main School PE Kit

Girls

Compulsory items

- Fitted polo shirt in black with school crest
- All-purpose sports jumper in black with school crest
- Skort in black or shorts in black/maroon
- Sports socks in black with GWA lettering or plain black
- School black leggings
- Tracksuit bottoms in black with school crest (optional)
- Footwear - trainers for indoor (clean, non-marking) and outdoor activities
- Shin pads
- Swimming - black one piece swimming costume with hat
- Towel and goggles (if permission given by parent/carer)

Optional items

- Tracksuit bottoms in black with school crest (optional)

Boys

Compulsory items

- Fitted polo shirt in black with school crest
- All-purpose sports jumper in black with school crest
- School black sports shorts
- Sports socks in black with GWA lettering or plain black
- Tracksuit bottoms in black with school crest (optional)
- Footwear - studded boots for football and rugby. Trainers for indoor (clean, non-marking) and outdoor activities
- Shin pads
- Swimming - black swimming trunks - speedos or square cut leg (not swimming shorts)
- Towel and goggles (if permission given by parent/carer)

Optional items

- Tracksuit bottoms in black with school crest (optional)
- Footwear - studded boots for football and rugby (advised for rugby and football on the field)

Students will not be allowed to wear their own (unbranded) trousers for PE

4.2 Where to purchase it

Uniform highlighted in bold (main uniform and PE kit) is branded uniform and can be purchased from:-

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/>

<https://clivemark.co.uk/>

<https://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/>

Other items of uniform i.e. shirts, skirts, trousers and shoes can be purchased from high street retailers e.g. Asda, Sainsbury, M&S, Matalan.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Great Wyrley Academy has a stock of school uniform to purchase through Parentmail. Please contact the school reception or email info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust for more information.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact their Head of House if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact Mr Rehman Deputy Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with in accordance with our School's Behaviour

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governance

The trust board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils

- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed biannually. It will be approved by the Performance and Standards committee and then the full board.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy