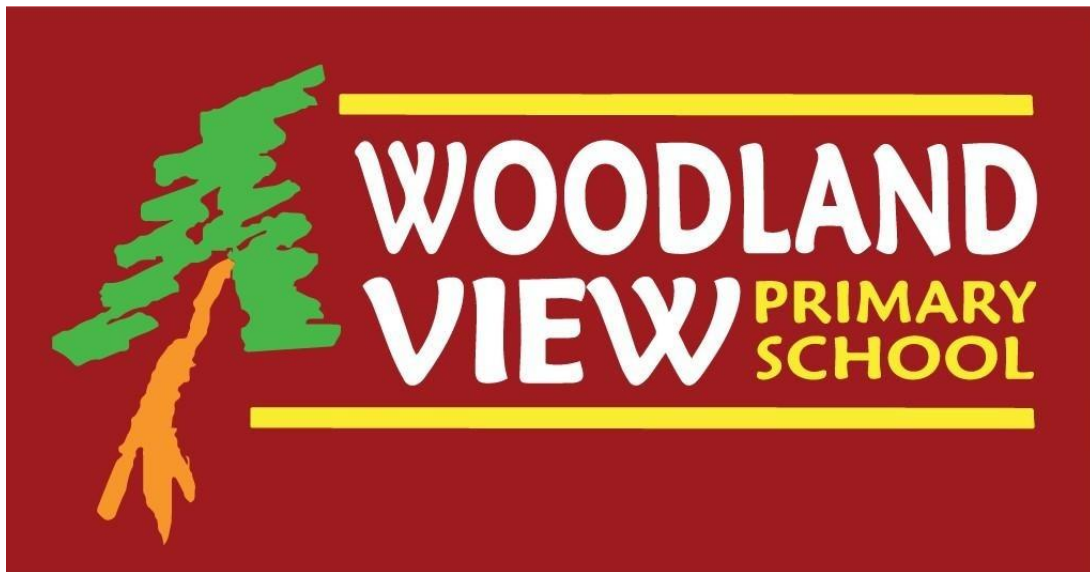


School uniform policy

Woodland View Primary School



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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 all 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, sexual orientation, 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
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair, although we reserve the right to ask that long hair be tied back
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons, or if they are experiencing discomfort
- 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 headteacher, 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 uniforms.

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

We will therefore make sure our uniform:

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

We will do this by:

- Following the statutory limits for compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to a maximum of:
 - 3 or fewer
- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary, and limiting these items where possible
- Limiting compulsory branded items to low-cost and/or long-lasting items such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to compulsory 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 such as coats, bags and shoes/trainers that pupils could also wear on non-school days. See more information in section 4.1
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities including (but not limited to) sport, music and drama
- Avoiding requiring different branded items for particular times of the year, such as a branded dress in summer and a branded skirt in winter
- Considering alternative approaches, including loaning compulsory branded items such as sports kit for competitions
- Making sure that opportunities to acquire second-hand items in a timely manner are accessible to parents and carers of both current and prospective pupils
- 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 uniform in line with the school's complaints policy
- Continuing to review this policy, to ensure the cost of our uniform is reasonable and provides the best value for money

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

Our school uniform is designed to provide a sense of identity and belonging while keeping costs for families as low as reasonably possible. We aim to keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and allow good-quality, unbranded alternatives wherever possible.

Year R – Year 4

Item	Requirement
Sweatshirt	Woodland View crew-neck sweatshirt with logo – Bordeaux (branded item)
Polo shirt	Woodland View polo shirt with logo – White (branded item)
Trousers/skirt	Any suitable brand – Dark Grey
Shoes	Plain black, suitable for school and appropriate for safe movement

Summer option:

- Yellow gingham dress
- Dark grey shorts

Year 5 – Year 6

Item	Requirement
Sweatshirt	Woodland View V-neck sweatshirt with logo – Bordeaux (branded item)
Shirt	Any suitable brand buttoned shirt with collar – White
Trousers/skirt	Any suitable brand – Dark Grey
Tie	Woodland View burgundy/yellow tie
Shoes	Plain black, suitable for school and appropriate for safe movement

Summer option:

- Dark grey shorts

Generic uniform items should be suitable for school, fit appropriately, be in good repair and allow pupils to move comfortably and safely. There is no requirement for generic items to be purchased from a particular retailer.

PE kit

PE kit should be practical, comfortable and suitable for physical activity.

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts
- Dark-coloured tracksuit bottoms for colder weather
- Appropriate trainers or plimsolls
- Woodland View hooded sweatshirt with logo – Bordeaux, if desired, or a plain burgundy or black hooded sweatshirt

School sweatshirts/cardigans may also be worn instead of a tracksuit top.

Pupils should not be required to purchase different PE clothing for different sports or activities.

Jewellery, hair and appearance

- Small stud earrings and a watch are permitted.
- Other jewellery is not permitted.
- Smart watches or other wearable devices which can connect to the internet, send messages, or take photographs or videos are not permitted.
- Pupils must be able to remove earrings themselves for PE and physical activities. Staff will not remove earrings for pupils.
- Hair should be clean, tidy and suitable for school. Long hair should be tied back for PE and other physical activities.
- Hair accessories should be discreet and in school colours where possible.
- Hair should not be coloured or styled in a way that is considered unsuitable for school.

- Plain black or Bordeaux headscarves may be worn as part of the school uniform. Reasonable adjustments will be made where required for religious or other protected reasons.
- Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted.

The school will consider reasonable adjustments to uniform and appearance requirements where necessary to meet a pupil's individual, medical, disability, religious or cultural needs.

Coats, bags and other items

Coats should be practical and suitable for the weather. Bags should be suitable for carrying school equipment and should not be excessively large.

Pupils should not bring unnecessary valuables or expensive personal items to school. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal possessions.

Branded school uniform items may be loaned or provided to families where appropriate. Where a pupil is unable or does not wish to wear a loaned branded item, a suitable unbranded alternative will be permitted.

4.2 Where to purchase or acquire it

Compulsory branded items can be purchased through **Mapac**, our school uniform supplier.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodlandviewnn45fz>

Generic items, including trousers, skirts, shirts, polo shirts, shorts, shoes and PE kit, can be purchased from any suitable retailer. Parents and carers are not expected to purchase these items from a particular supplier.

We encourage families to reuse uniform where it is still suitable and in good condition.

Pre-loved uniform is made available through Friends of Woodland View (FOWV), our parent organisation. FOWV periodically holds pre-loved uniform sales, which are advertised through the school's Headteacher Newsletter or Ping Bulletins. Parents and carers can also contact the school if they require support in accessing uniform.

The school will aim to ensure that information about pre-loved uniform is available to current and prospective families in good time and that families can access support discreetly.

Keeping uniform affordable

We recognise that the cost of school uniform can be a concern for families. The school will keep compulsory branded items to a minimum, permit good-quality generic alternatives wherever possible and consider the cost and value for money of uniform when reviewing this policy.

Parents and carers who are experiencing difficulty meeting the cost of uniform should contact the Headteacher or school office in confidence. We will always seek to support families wherever we reasonably can.

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 the headteacher 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 the 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 in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

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 correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the senior leadership team.

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 and the pupil will not miss classroom teaching because of a sanction. This is in line with the statutory [guidance](#).

5.4 Governors

The governing 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 every 2 years and approved by the headteacher.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

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