



## Westfield Primary Community School

### Policy on School Uniform

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### ***Vision for Westfield***

*Together we strive to:*

***Inspire*** a love for our community through mutual respect, teamwork and the shared belief that anything is possible

***Create*** a learning culture which recognises potential, celebrates achievement and respects individuality

***Nurture*** strong relationships in a safe and secure environment, where opinions are valued and kindness is the core

At Westfield Primary Community School, we strive for high standards of behaviour and appearance. When pupils wear their uniform, it cements the united community feeling we foster, prevents distractions from teaching and learning, and ensures fairness. The following information applies to children during school hours, as well as during breakfast and after school clubs run by school.

School uniform is compulsory for all children however, we understand that some children will need adjustments to some aspects of their uniform to support individual needs. We are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and will always act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising school policies, such as safety or behaviour.

Our uniform has been chosen with consideration for cost to families. Whilst some items of uniform can be branded with the school logo, this is not compulsory. We have a supply of good quality pre-loved uniform available in school to anyone who needs it.

### **School Uniform**

Pupils are required to wear:

- Royal blue school jumper or cardigan (logo optional)
- White or royal blue polo shirt with a collar (logo optional)
- Plain black or grey trousers, a plain black or grey knee-length skirt, or a plain black or grey knee-length pinafore dress. Children must not wear jeans, denim or jogging bottoms.
- Low heeled, plain black shoes or all black trainers (For safety, canvas shoes, plimsolls, Ugg style boots and wellies must not be worn as part of school uniform). Please see examples over the page for further clarification.

School jumpers, cardigans and t-shirts with our logo can be purchased locally from [Get Branded](#) at Clifton Moor, York. All non-branded items are available in most supermarkets.

### **Uniform Guidance**

In order to ensure that that all pupils wear the correct uniform, the information below outlines acceptable uniform options. We are aware that replacing school uniform can be expensive, so in order to avoid this, these are the key criteria which will help you to buy the correct clothing.

### **Trousers and skirts**

Plain black or grey trousers, a plain black or grey knee-length skirt, or a plain black or grey knee-length pinafore dress must be worn. If children wish to wear tights under their dresses / skirts, these should be black or grey. Children must not wear trousers that are chinos, cords or jeans. Please see the examples below for further clarification:



In the summer, children can choose to wear a blue summer school dress or playsuit or grey / black school shorts if they wish.



Nursery children can wear plain dark coloured leggings or jogging bottoms as an alternative to school trousers.

## School Shoes

School shoes, trainers and boots must be all black. They must be low-heeled and well-fitting. Canvas shoes, Ugg boots, plimsolls and wellies should not worn.



## PE Uniform

To maximise learning time, children come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE sessions.

Children must wear:

- Plain white PE t-shirt (unbranded)
- Plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Warm long-sleeved, plain black or navy sweatshirt or hoodie
- Black or white trainers (these can be the same black trainers many children choose to wear as part of their usual school uniform)

For safety, we cannot allow earring tape to cover earrings for PE lessons. **All earrings must be removed before taking part in PE/ sporting activities. If a child cannot remove their earrings, they will not take part.** We advise, where possible that children do not wear earrings on PE days. If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, we would strongly encourage waiting until the beginning of the summer holiday to avoid the six week healing process being in term time.



## **Hair Styles**

All hair colouring must be natural colours only. Children's hair should be cut no less than a grade 1 and have no motifs or patterns cut in. Children must not have hair extensions or long coloured wool braids.

Children with long hair must have it tied up. Hair accessories should be discrete, neat and sit flat to the head.

## **Jewellery**

Children may wear the following items of jewellery in school:

- One pair of small ear studs (children should be able to remove their own studs for PE. Staff are unable to assist with this due to the risk of infection)
- A watch

Any other jewellery worn will be removed and stored safely in school.

## **Nail Varnish, False Nails, Makeup (including false eyelashes) Temporary Tattoos**

Children must not wear nail polish of any colour to school. A member of staff will contact parents / carers on the first day of a pupil wearing nail polish and ask for it to be removed by the next school day. Should a pupil continue to wear the nail polish after this, staff will remove it in school. Children must not wear false or acrylic nails. In the interest of safety, we will contact families and ask for these to be removed. The same process will apply for temporary tattoos. Children must not wear makeup, including false eyelashes.

## **Mobile Phones**

Whilst we would prefer children not to bring phones to school, we respect parents' rights to decide. On entering the premises, phones must be switched off and in the child's bag. Phones will be collected from the children at the start of the day and put into a box which is then stored safely in the classroom. Phones will be returned at the end of the day and must not be turned on until they have left the premises. As part of our safeguarding procedures, any child using their phone on the premises, will have it removed and parents / carers will be contacted to arrange collection.

## **Bikes / Scooters**

We encourage the safe use of bikes and scooters to travel to and from school. Appropriate storage is provided around the site and we encourage all bikes and scooters to be locked up. In the interest of safety, bikes or scooters are not to be ridden on school premises, apart from on the marked cycle lane at the front of school. Parents are encouraged to ensure bikes and scooters are in a safe working condition and that lights are provided when required.

## **Responsibility**

We teach the children to care for, and take responsibility for, both their personal and school possessions. To help us in doing so, please ensure all items of clothing are named, particularly coats and jumpers. We strongly discourage valuable or sentimental items being brought into school. We will not take financial responsibility for the loss or damage to any jewellery, phones, bikes, scooters or other possessions brought on to the premises.