

# Uniform Policy

Category: Management

## Key Elements

This policy sets out the school's expectations for pupils regarding the school uniform and clothing worn to school. It includes our aims and details our uniform items.

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# 1. Introduction

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Pupils at Whitefield School are expected to wear the school uniform when at school, unless there has been official notification of a non-uniform event that may be running. Whitefield School uniform is an important part of our collective identity and sense of community. It is important that pupils present themselves as ambassadors of the school at all times, including when they are in public places or travelling to and from Whitefield School. The Department for Education (DfE) strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as they believe 'it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and set an appropriate tone'.

We expect all pupils to adhere to the Uniform Policy, where possible. However, in some circumstances we recognise that it may not be possible for pupils to wear the school uniform due to their sensory, medical or physical needs, for example, pupils with a limited range of movement may need clothing with more stretch and, because of this, pupils in Margaret Brearley have the option to wear non-uniform clothing if more appropriate.

# 2. Aims

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Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- builds a sense of identity;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

# 3. Uniform

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Branded items can be purchased from:

**SpeedStitch**

Unit 32  
Walthamstow Business Centre  
Clifford Road  
Walthamstow  
London, E17 4SX

Telephone: 020 8531 4800

Email: [shop@speedstitch.co.uk](mailto:shop@speedstitch.co.uk)

Website: <http://shop.speedstitch.co.uk/>



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| <b>The uniform is:</b> | <b>Reception to Year 11 (KS4)</b><br><br><b>Branded items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sweatshirt – grey with school logo (expected)</li><li>• Back pack – grey with academy logo (expected)</li></ul><br><b>Non-branded items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trousers, skirt or shorts – grey or black (expected)</li><li>• Polo neck – white (expected)</li><li>• Footwear – Black shoes or trainers, unless footwear provided by therapy services e.g. physio or orthotics</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                        | <b>Physical Education</b><br><br><b>Non-branded items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain white unbranded T-shirt (expected)</li><li>• Tracksuit bottoms or shorts (expected)</li><li>• Trainers or plimsolls (expected)</li><li>• P.E. Bag (expected)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                        | <b>Sixth Form</b><br><br>The school expects pupils in our sixth form to dress suitably for a school environment, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No ripped clothing;</li><li>• No revealing clothing; for example, exposing bare midriffs or underwear;</li><li>• No flip flops, backless footwear or open-toed sandals, due to health and safety issues;</li><li>• No clothing with offensive slogans or logos;</li><li>• No hats, caps or hoods worn indoors.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                        | <b>Additional, optional items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coat (optional)</li><li>• Pinafore – grey or black (optional)</li><li>• Summer dress – blue (optional)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                        | <b>Jewellery:</b><br><br>To maintain the health and safety of all our pupils, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One small, simple stud ear-ring may be worn in the lower lobe of each ear</li><li>• Small objects of religious significance may be worn</li><li>• A simple, inexpensive wrist watch may be worn, although 'Smart' watches are strictly prohibited.</li></ul><br>If children do attend school wearing jewellery, they will be asked to remove where the wearing of such items constitutes a potential safety risk. Teachers and other members of staff do not take responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery which has been removed. |
|                        | <b>Extreme haircuts / Make-up</b><br><br>Pupils should have natural hair colour and not brightly-coloured, artificial hair colouring while at school.<br>Mid to long length hair should be tied back at all times. Hair accessories should be minimal and in keeping with the school colours of black, grey and white.<br><br>The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, is not permitted. Likewise, the wearing of temporary tattoos is not acceptable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



## 4. Guidelines

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The following should not be worn:

- Denim of any kind;
- Suede or furry boots e.g. Uggs;
- Flip flops or similar backless shoes;
- Open-toed sandals;
- T-shirts with large logos or slogans;
- 'Hoody' tops.

## 5. The Role of Parents

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We ask all parents/carers to support the school's 'Uniform Policy'. We believe that parents should send their children to school appropriately dressed and to support the policies of the school. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and appropriately coloured clothing, which should be clean and in reasonable condition. If parents/carers would financially struggle with this, they should speak to our family support workers who may be able to provide support.

## 6. The Role of Trustees

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The Trustees support the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly, with sensitivity, taking into account the needs of the children and young people at our school.

It is the Trustees responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that the school uniform policy is consistent with the school's policy on equal opportunities.

## 7. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Review

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The Board of Trustees will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout Whitefield School.

**Person responsible:** Ms Rachel Rai, Whitefield School Principal



This policy is shared  
via the school website:  
[www.whitefield.org.uk](http://www.whitefield.org.uk)