

Waterloo Primary School & Nursery



Uniform Policy

Signed: S. Robinson (Governor)

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Within our school and nursery we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of achievements of our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or nursery or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Waterloo Primary School and Nursery, parents agree to support our policy.

Aims and Objectives:

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to each other in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing – including expensive trainers can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform with school logo is available from **Monkhouse**, 138A College Road, Crosby (opposite Marine Football Club) 0151 920 4468 (www.monkhouse.com).

Uniform can also be sourced at **Paul's Place** (opposite The Strand Shopping Centre, Bootle). All other items can be bought from a variety of shops and supermarkets at a reasonable price.

If parents do have any difficulties, then please contact the school for support and guidance.

Please ask the School Office for information. **Remember to mark any clothing with names.** The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if the clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned.

Please reduce the “risks” by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing

(including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name

Girls – Autumn & Spring Term	Boys– Autumn & Spring Term
<p>Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress or grey trousers</p> <p>White blouse or white polo shirt (logo polo shirts are available from our uniform supplier)</p> <p>Red school cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>White/grey socks with limited embellishments. or red/grey tights.</p> <p>Sensible, low heeled, black school shoes- no trainers. (No sling backs, high heels or open toed shoes can be worn)</p> <p>Waterproof coats are available with school logo if required.</p>	<p>Grey trousers or grey shorts</p> <p>White polo shirt with or without school logo (polo shirts with logo are available from our uniform supplier) or white shirt (short sleeves are easier for younger children to manage)</p> <p>Red sweatshirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Grey/dark coloured socks</p> <p>Black school shoes - no trainers</p> <p>Waterproof coats are available with school logo if required.</p>
Girls – Summer Term (optional)	
<p>Red gingham dress</p> <p>Red school cardigan or sweatshirt with or without school logo)</p> <p>Sensible, low heeled, black school shoes - no trainers. (No sling backs, high heels or open toed shoes can be worn)</p>	

<p>Girls – P.E. Kit</p> <p>Plain red polo shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Blue shorts or blue gym skirt</p> <p>Navy blue jogging bottoms/school sweatshirt/ dark tracksuit can be worn for outdoor games</p> <p>School Track suit is available from our uniform supplier</p> <p>Suitable footwear – black pumps (indoor)or trainers (outdoor)</p> <p>Red or navy blue leotards are acceptable for dance/gymnastics</p>	<p>Boys – P.E. Kit</p> <p>Plain red polo shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Blue shorts</p> <p>Navy blue jogging bottoms/school sweatshirt/ dark tracksuit can be worn for outdoor games</p> <p>School Track suit is available from our uniform supplier</p> <p>Suitable footwear – black pumps (indoor)or trainers (outdoor)</p>
<p>Swimming Kit</p> <p>Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume, swimming hat and goggles</p>	<p>Swimming Kit</p> <p>Boys must wear trunks, swimming hat and goggles.</p>

Jewellery

For Health & Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exception to this rule are one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears and a watch. Plasters cannot be used to tape over recently pierced ears. All ear-rings must be removed before P.E. and swimming lessons by the child, or parent.

Hair

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles would include shaved patterns into the scalp, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes. Such hairstyles are not acceptable at school. All children, girls and boys, are required to have hair longer than shoulder length tied back. Children will be asked to tie back long hair in the school day for their own health and safety. (Hair bobbles can be provided by school). Hair bows must be either black, red, white or grey. They should be no wider than approximately 10 cm.

Make-Up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed by the child in school. Children will be asked to remove their own nail varnish, using a nail varnish remover pad in school.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

The Headteacher:

- Implements and monitors the policy throughout the school community as part of the duty of maintenance of day-to-day discipline
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules
- Issues letter to parent/carers as required.

The Governing Body:

- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise
- Should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Inclusion

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances for all groups and individuals.

Non-compliance with the School and P.E. Uniform Policy

If a child breaches the school uniform or P.E. policy, the teaching team will discreetly talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and to remind them of the need to wear one. If a child breaches this again a reminder letter will be sent home to parents notifying them of this breach.

If a child forgets their swimming kit, school will attempt to contact parents/carers to bring a swimming kit to school immediately.

The Headteacher may feel the need to contact parents/carers to bring some suitable uniform to school. As an alternative to this, some spare uniform will be kept in school and children may be asked to change into this.

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school or P.E. uniform (lost or damaged). When this is the case, we ask parents to contact us on the day to confirm the reason.

Persistent non-compliance

The Headteacher may contact the parent directly to discuss this matter. Exclusion is not normally an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform/appearance policies. However, where all other avenues have been exhausted and where these breaches are persistent and in open defiance of the school policy, exclusion may have to be considered as a last resort, depending on the circumstances.

Waterloo Primary School expects all pupils and parents to conform with this policy, but in the event of persistent breaches, we will endeavour to work closely with parents/carers to resolve the situation.