

# Waterloo Primary School & Nursery



## Uniform Policy

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Within our school and nursery, we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the 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 a 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 and when signing up to the school, parents agree to support our policy.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

Our policy for a uniform is based on the belief that a 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 ( fashion/designer clothing – including expensive trainers and jackets isn't encouraged).
- 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](http://www.monkhouse.com)).

Uniform can also be sourced at **Paul's Place** (opposite The Strand Shopping Centre, Bootle).

**However, a branded uniform isn't compulsory, and all items can be bought from a variety of shops and supermarkets at a reasonable price.**

**Remember to mark any clothing with your child's name.** The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing, but if the clothing is clearly marked, it will make every effort to see that lost items are returned.

<p><b>Girls – Autumn &amp; Spring Term</b></p> <p>Grey skirt, tailored shorts, pinafore or trousers</p> <p>White blouse or white polo shirt (with or without school logo)</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><b>Girls – Summer Term (optional)</b></p> <p>Red gingham dress</p> <p>Red school cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Sensible, low-heeled, black school shoes (not trainers) with no visible logos in alternative colours. (No sling backs, high heels or open-toed shoes can be worn)</p> <p>Waterproof coats are available with the school logo if required.</p>	<p><b>Boys– Autumn &amp; Spring Term</b></p> <p>Grey trousers or tailored shorts</p> <p>White shirt or polo shirt with or without school logo</p> <p>Red sweatshirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Grey/dark coloured socks</p> <p><b>Black school shoes (not trainers) with no visible logos in alternative colours</b></p> <p>Waterproof coats are available with the school logo if required.</p>
<p><b>Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Autism Units can wear their tracksuit bottoms/kit instead of uniform if parents prefer.</b></p>	
<p><b>Girls – P.E. Kit</b></p> <p>Plain red polo shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Blue PE shorts of suitable length (not gym knickers) or blue PE skort</p> <p>Navy blue jogging bottoms/school sweatshirt/ dark tracksuit (no visible branded logos other than school logo) can be worn for outdoor games.</p> <p>School tracksuit is available from our uniform supplier</p> <p>Suitable footwear – black pumps (indoor) or trainers (outdoor)</p> <p><b>CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON PE DAYS.</b></p>	<p><b>Boys – P.E. Kit</b></p> <p>Plain red polo shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Blue PE shorts</p> <p>Navy blue jogging bottoms/school sweatshirt/ dark tracksuit (no visible branded logos other than school logo) can be worn for outdoor games.</p> <p>School tracksuit is available from our uniform supplier</p> <p>Suitable footwear – black pumps (indoor) or trainers (outdoor)</p> <p><b>CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON PE DAYS.</b></p>

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<b>Swimming Kit</b>  Girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume, a swimming hat and goggles	<b>Swimming Kit</b>  Boys must wear trunks (swimming shorts are not permitted), a swimming hat and goggles.
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## Jewellery

For Health & Safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exception to this rule is one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears and a watch (**this must not be a smart 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 as children are not allowed to participate with them in.

## 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 are required to have hair longer than shoulder or brow length tied/clipped back. Children not adhering to this rule will be provided with a hair bobble and asked to tie back their hair during the school day for their health and safety. 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.

Nail varnish, acrylics or false nails are not permitted. Children will be asked to remove their nail varnish, using a nail varnish remover pad in school, and contact will be made with parents if children have false/acrylic nails to arrange for their removal.

Fake tattoos are not permitted and **must** be removed prior to children attending school.

### **Role of the Headteacher, Staff and Governing Body**

Staff will:

- Implement and monitor the policy throughout the school community as part of the duty of maintenance of day-to-day discipline
- Issues letters to parents/carers as required

The Headteacher:

- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules

The Governing Body:

- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning the 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 a 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.

The school adheres to government legislation in relation to the branding of school uniform items and doesn't stipulate that any item has to have the school logo on.

## **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, the 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 a suitable uniform to school. As an alternative to this, some spare uniforms will be kept in school, and children may be asked to change.

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

