



William Penn School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website and in the appendix below.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain gold/silver ear-ring studs in pierced ears, medical-alert bracelets or necklaces, and small objects of religious significance. The children must either remove these objects during PE and games and keep them in a safe place, or cover them with a plaster supplied from home, to prevent them from causing injury. Teachers will not look after items of jewellery and are not responsible for their safekeeping.

Hair

For reasons of safety and hygiene, all hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back with a red, black or grey hair band.

Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could affect their health or safety.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We think that trainers are appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

All items of uniform should be clearly named. The school does not keep a collection of lost property and cannot retain items of unnamed uniform.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Signed:

Date: 23.10.23

Date of next review: 23.10.24



Appendix:

William Penn School Uniform List

All pupils will need one item from each box although parents may choose more.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey shorts ▪ Grey trousers ▪ Grey skirt (minimum knee length) ▪ Grey pinafore dress (minimum knee length) ▪ Red and white summer dress (check or stripe and minimum knee length)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt (school logo optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red William Penn sweatshirt (with logo) ▪ Red William Penn cardigan (with logo) ▪ Red William Penn fleece (with logo)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White or black PE shorts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red William Penn T-shirt (with logo)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainers for outdoor use (Years 3,4,5 and 6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Track suit for outdoor, winter wear (no hoodies)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PE bag
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Art overall (old adult shirt, optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black school shoes (not trainers or boots)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey or white socks ▪ Grey or red tights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No jewellery (other than plain gold/silver ear-rings studs and exceptions detailed in the Uniform Policy)