

School Uniform Policy



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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CHANGE CONTROL

| Date | Details of Change | Staff Member |
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| June '22 | Update to the PE kit. Update to the Breaches of School Uniform code. | DG/SJ |
| Sept, 22 | Inclusion of 2 nd paragraph – children with additional needs | KC |
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Rationale:

The compulsory wearing of school uniform for all children attending Wistaston Academy has been discussed and agreed with the Schools Council, staff and governors. A uniform reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this Uniform Policy.

At Wistaston Academy, we recognise that pupils with additional needs may require reasonable adjustments to their uniform expectations to be made. These need to be agreed between home, school and the young person and will aim to ensure that barriers to attendance and learning are removed whilst allowing the child to still have the sense of belonging and other benefits outlined above.

The school believes the following are the benefits derived from the wearing of school uniform by all children.

- Families have the opportunity to purchase economical, durable, functional and practical clothing items.
- Wearing a uniform improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school.
- Compulsory uniforms assist to eliminate peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide “fashionable” items for daily wear.
- Prepares children for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools to which Wistaston Academy children will attend in future years.
- Promotes equality amongst all students.
- Assists with student identification and safety in public places.
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students.

Implementation:

- Summer and Winter uniforms as well as sports uniform will be prescribed and is required to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are representing the school during outside school hours occasions.
- All children representing the school for any event or activity may only do so when wearing full school uniform.
- The only jewellery we allow are watches and **very small stud earrings**. The local swimming baths do not allow *any* earrings when children are swimming and we ask children to cover any stud earrings with an elastoplast during P.E.

- The wearing of jewellery, earrings and ear-studs (metal or plastic) is not permitted on safety grounds during Physical Education lessons and sporting activities. These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in Physical Education lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times.
- Children should leave items of jewellery and earrings at home on days when they have Physical Education lessons, or remove them before the lesson. An exception to this rule is when a child's ears have been newly pierced. Medical advice confirms that maximum of 6 weeks is needed for newly pierced ears to heal. Thereafter, it is in order for earrings to be removed for Physical Education lessons. We ask that any ear piercings takes place at the start of the summer holidays to allow time for them to heal.
- If earrings cannot be removed, then taping of the earring is allowed. However, staff at school cannot do this, so children should come to school ready for the lesson, preferably with earrings removed or adequately taped.
- Obvious hair colouring and extreme or attention seeking hair styles are not permitted. For safety and health reasons it is recommended that children with shoulder length or longer hair, have it tied back. Hair accessories are not permitted other than bobbles and small hair clips/grips.
- Other than clear nail polish, coloured nail polish and other cosmetics/makeup are not permitted. Children should not wear false nails under any circumstances.
- Children are encouraged to wear summer caps to protect skin from harsh sunlight in the summer months.
- All clothing must be of reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing must be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate.
- Sports uniform and trainers are prescribed for participation in Physical Education or sporting activities. Children may wear pumps or go barefoot in the hall.
- Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship should discuss these matters with the school.

Wistaston Academy:

- White polo shirt
- Grey or black tailored trousers, shorts or knee length skirts*
- Grey or black pinafore dress or green gingham summer dress
- Dark green sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- **Black school shoes** and/or sandals in the warmer weather. For safety reasons no flip-flops or heeled shoes are to be worn at school.

****Please note that tube skirts, cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted.***

PE Kit

- Dark green crew (round) neck t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms/sports leggings or tracksuit
- Trainers. Black pumps for indoors.

Breaches of School Uniform Code

- For any children not wearing the correct school uniform, parents will be contacted, and where possible, an alternative item will be loaned to them to wear for the day.