



St White's Primary School

**School Uniform Policy**

Date of Review: September 2023

Date of Next Review: July 2025

Signed by Headteacher

.....

## Summary of Changes

July 2021	Full review taking into account provisions of the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021.
	Clarification around trousers not including leggings
	Clarification around outdoor PE kit
July 2023	Review

## School Uniform Policy

### 1. Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Embroidered uniform items can be purchased online from [St White's Primary School \(myclothing.com\)](http://myclothing.com) Other items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is included in Section 9.

### Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class and present parents with a financial burden;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents
- supports transition to secondary school where there are serious consequences for not following the school uniform policy.

### 3. Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

3.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

3.2 Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

3.2.1 Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. If your child wears earrings to school, they must either remove them themselves, or you must send in tape to cover them.

3.2.2 If your child cannot remove their earrings, and you do not send in tape, the school will provide tape and you will be charged 50p.

3.3 Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. If the child is attending an out of school-hours function, for example a school disco, it is permitted at the parents' discretion.

#### **4. Hair**

- 4.1 Children's hair must be tied back if it is long enough to reach their shoulders.
- 4.2 Children with long fringes that get in their eyes, thus hindering their ability to access their learning, need to have their hair pinned or tied back.
- 4.3 Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.
- 4.4 Hair bands, ribbons/bows/bobbles or 'scrunchies' or other items used to decorate or manage hair should be plain and where possible in school colours. Hair bands should not have large flowers, or other ornamentation attached.

#### **5. Footwear**

- 5.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. No heel should be more than 1 cm to avoid a tripping hazard.
- 5.2 All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list.
- 5.3 If boots are worn these should also be plain black and not have a heel (see 5.1). If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor, they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

#### **6. The Role of Parents**

- 6.1 We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is either written or sewn onto all items.
- 6.2 If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling these requirements, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.
- 6.3 Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter if this continues.
- 6.4 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 consider such requests sympathetically.

## 7. The Role of Governors

7.1 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.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## 8. 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;

## 9. School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of navy blue and grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a \* below, can be purchased with the school logo on them. It is not compulsory for these items to have the school logo, plain items are equally acceptable. These items can be ordered online from: [St White's Primary School \(myclothing.com\)](http://StWhite'sPrimarySchool(myclothing.com))

9.1 Please ensure that all items of school uniform are labelled to avoid loss.

9.2 Any uniform that is left on the school site will be put in the lost property box by the Sneyd Wood Road entrance of the school. At the end of term, any unclaimed items will be washed and donated to the second hand uniform shop or disposed of.

9.3 School uniform includes these items:

- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress/or blue and white checked or striped dress. (Please note, skirts and dresses should be at least long enough to reach the middle of the knee and be of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor.)
- Smart black or grey shorts or trousers. (Please note, shorts should be at least long enough to reach the middle of the thigh and be comfortable to wear when sitting.) Please note that leggings or jogging bottoms should not be worn
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt\*
- Blue sweater, sweatshirt\* or cardigan\*, without a hood, either plain or with the St White's logo
- Plain white, black or grey socks - short or knee length (not over the knee),
- Black, navy or grey tights

- Coats should be worn when the weather demands. They can be of any colour, the brighter the better so as to be visible on dark evenings. The school recommends that parents do not purchase very expensive coats for school use and reminds parents that coats should also be named.
- Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently (see section 5)
- Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.
- If boots are worn these also should be plain black. Children who wear boots that prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes whilst inside the building.

## 10. P.E. Kit

10.1 Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing so please help us by naming everything.

10.2 Children wear:

- Navy blue or black shorts
- plain white T-shirt
- a pair of plimsolls (daps) – velcro fastenings or slip ons are essential for younger children who cannot yet tie their shoe-laces
- a pair of dark trainers for outside wear
- blue, grey or black jogging bottoms/track suit for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- navy or black track suit top/jumper for outdoor lessons in cold weather

10.3 For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE unless they are covered with tape.

Please note that teachers are not permitted to remove your child's earrings. If your child is wearing the permitted stud earrings, you will need to ensure that they can remove them, or you will need to provide tape to cover them during PE sessions. There is a 50p charge for the school to provide tape.