



School Uniform Policy

Wath Victoria

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School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

At Wath Victoria Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- ◆ looks smart
- ◆ wears well
- ◆ contributes to a sense of belonging
- ◆ gives a common purpose
- ◆ fosters a feeling of pride
- ◆ reduces 'fashion competition' between children.

All children should wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. It is readily available and inexpensive, with alternatives on offer at local shops.

Our School Uniform

GIRLS : White/blue blouse, grey/black skirt or trousers, blue cardigan/sweater.

BOYS: White/blue shirt, grey/black trousers, and blue sweater.

In summer girls might choose to wear a blue checked dress and boys or girls might wear black or grey shorts.

Whilst we recognise the desire for children to be fashionable, smart and tidy, some hairstyles can be a distraction in school. We ask for your support in sending your child to school with an acceptable hairstyle in natural colours.

The governors do not consider that tattoo transfers are appropriate in school.

Wristwatches are allowed but any other form of jewellery is not permitted. If your child has pierced ears they may wear studs. We suggest that children should wait until the school holidays if parents decide to have their ears pierced. Studs must be removed for PE.

Footwear

Low-heeled black shoes or black plimsolls for indoor wear.

Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term

P.E. and Games Kit

For hygiene purposes your child will need to have a sports kit in school Monday to Friday – White T-shirt white or black shorts and gym shoes. Junior children will require trainers for use in games lessons outside. These must not be the same footwear as children are wearing for inside use.

Girls might choose to wear a games skirt for games activities or a leotard for gymnastics lessons. Please do not allow your child to bring large sports bags to school, as we cannot offer storage facilities for such large items. Please note that P.E. is a statutory subject and all children must participate. Some P.E. kit is kept in school and will be supplied to your child should their own kit not be available.

Fashion Items/Other

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. This includes earrings of any kind. If ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E. Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel, jewellery other than stud earrings and watches, should not be worn.

Appropriate 'legionnaire' style sunhats should be worn outside during sunny weather, rather than bandanas. Long hair on both girls and boys, should be tied back neatly, with plain or blue/white checked bands or 'scrunchies'. This is not only for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety: pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher in the first instance will discuss with a child or parent about issues of non-compliance. If unresolved a formal meeting will be held and then further issues may resort in discipline a pupil for breach of the Uniform/Appearance Policy. Exclusion may be considered where breaches of the Uniform/Appearance Policy are 'persistent and defiant'. The Executive Headteacher, or another member of staff with delegated authority, may ask a pupil to go home to remedy a breach of the school's rules on uniform or appearance. In such a case, parents will be notified and any absence associated with this will be recorded as 'authorised'.