

WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

INTRODUCTION

School uniform was formally introduced into Whitehall Primary School in September 2007. This followed the introduction of a school dress code in January 2007.

Whitehall Primary School had previously had an informal approach to school uniform that involved parents being actively encouraged to dress their children in red, the school colour, or buy fleeces, t-shirts or other items of clothing with the school logo on from the school office.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is expected that all pupils of Whitehall Primary School will wear the school uniform agreed by the Headteacher, School Leadership Team and governing body on a daily basis and that all clothing worn by pupils will adhere to the guidelines laid out below.

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The agreed uniform for our school is as follows:

- Black or grey trousers, or skirt
- White shirt or blouse
- White or red polo t-shirt
- Red fleece or jumper (does not have to carry the school logo)
- Red and white checked summer dress in warm weather
- Black shoes / trainers
- No strappy sandals or shoes with heels or wheels

It should be noted that red fleeces or jumpers do not have to carry our school logo. Similarly, they do not need to be purchased from the school office. Jumpers or fleeces that do not carry the school logo should be plain with no other logos or designer labels. In addition:

- Sports' wear only for PE lessons
- No hoodies
- No denim
- Stud earrings only

All children in school regardless of year group or age are expected to wear the school uniform on a daily basis.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

In certain circumstances the Headteacher will designate non-uniform days either for the whole school or for specific year groups. Such examples could include:

- National *Jeans for Genes Day* (usually in October) when children pay £1 each to come to school wearing denim. The money raised is donated to a national charity

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- *Denim for Diabetes Day* (usually in the summer term). This event is similar to Jeans for Genes Day except the money is donated to a national charity researching diabetes
- Festival Days such as *Diwali, Eid, Christmas* and *Vaisakhi* when children are invited to dress up for whole school festival assemblies and class parties
- *End of term events*. Again linked to paying a small fee for not wearing uniform which is then donated to a nominated charity
- *School trips and visits*. In some cases it is inappropriate for children to wear school uniform on a trip or a visit outside of school, for example, the Year 6 residential to Norfolk. In all cases, the Headteacher in consultation with the relevant Key Stage Phase Leader will determine whether uniform is inappropriate and parents will be informed through the trip letter.
- *Friends of Whitehall* themed days.

WORKING WITH PARENTS / CARERS

Parents are made fully aware of our expectations regarding uniform in the following way:

- Meetings for parents / carers for pupils joining our Nursery held in the summer term ready for the autumn term intake.
- Meetings for parents / carers for pupils joining our Foundation 2 classes held in the summer term ready for the autumn term intake.
- Uniform statement included in the school prospectus
- Uniform description, details and photographs included on the school website
- Uniform display in the entrance hall by the school office including price list
- Uniform order form available to parents on request
- Uniform mentioned as part of autumn term parents' evening

Our school will endeavour to work proactively with parents / carers who present individual issues concerning uniform.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Pupils not wearing uniform will not be labelled or highlighted as a behavioural issue. Instead we will try to work positively with families to ensure that uniform is consistently worn.

Pupils who persistently do not wear school uniform will be brought to the attention of the School Leadership Team. As a result a number of strategies could be used:

- Parents / carers sent a reminder letter about uniform
- Parents / carers sent a guidance sheet detailing the overview of uniform (as on page 1)
- Parents / carers sent a uniform order form or invited to the school office to view the display
- Parents / carers invited to a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss any issues or problems surrounding uniform

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As a result of these strategies it is anticipated that any concerns can be addressed.

STAFF DRESS CODE

In addition to the school uniform for pupils, we also have a dress code for staff.

The staff are role models for the pupils we teach.

As a group of professional people involved in a responsible role in our community, it is important that we set a good example to our pupils and inspire confidence and respect from our parents. As a result of this, a discussion and a consultation period were held with staff regarding acceptable and unacceptable dress.

Following the consultation with staff and further discussion by the School Leadership Team, the following dress code has been agreed.

WHO DOES THE DRESS CODE APPLY TO?

The Dress Code is applicable to all teaching and support staff, including administrative staff. It does not apply to premises staff or Midday Supervisors who work outside and are only in school for an hour a day.

ACCEPTABLE DRESS

- Smart Casual
- Shirts and ties
- Non-blue denim skirts
- Vest tops that do not show body hair or too much chest (male and female)
- Jewellery

UNACCEPTABLE DRESS

- Jeans of any type
- Blue denim skirts
- Combat style trousers
- Cleavages on show
- Visible underwear
- Trainers (could be worn during PE but changed after the lesson)
- Body showing between tops and bottoms – either tummy or back
- Logos

SCHOOL TRIPS

Off site visits may involve adapting the dress code. If you are visiting an indoor location, e.g. the Space Centre, the dress code will still apply. However, if visiting an outside location, e.g. Bradgate Park or a farm, jeans and trainers are acceptable.

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JEWELLERY

Staff are welcome to wear jewellery but school will not be held responsible for damage, theft or personal injury.