

THE WESTON FEDERATION

Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should 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 in our school prospectus and on our website.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- promotes a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children within the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been 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 exception to this rule is stud earrings in pierced ears. We ask that parents remove earrings before school on their allocated day for PE and games.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Extreme hairstyles are unacceptable e.g. coloured, patterned etc.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. School shoes must be black in colour.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of 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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Principal.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the schools in the Weston Federation in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and takes into account national regulations concerning equal opportunities. In doing so we ensure our school uniform policy is consistent with policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, smartly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform (Weston Infant Academy)

Navy jumper or cardigan with gold edging and the school logo Yellow polo shirt with logo Grey skirt/ grey pinafore dress / grey trousers Grey tights or White, black, or grey socks Black shoes

Summer Uniform

Blue and white check dress/Grey skirt or grey pinafore dress Navy Sweatshirt or cardigan with logo Grey trousers or grey shorts Gold polo shirt with logo

P.E. Kit White T-shirt Black shorts Black Pumps

School Uniform (Weston Junior Academy)

Navy Sweatshirt or cardigan with gold edging and the school logo White shirt / blouse School Tie Black Shoes Grey tights or White, black, or grey socks

Grey skirt/trousers

Summer uniform Blue & white checked dress (optional)

P.E. KitNavy sweatshirtWhite polo shirt (logo optional)Black shortsBlack pumps

Swimming

At the Junior site, children who go swimming will need a swimming cap, swimming trunks or a swimming costume (no bikini or tankini).

Please note that in the cold weather boots may be worn to school but children **MUST** bring a change of footwear to be worn during the school day.

This policy was reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body. (Nov 2018)