

School uniform policy

Worth Primary School



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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for all parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include: age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair, although we reserve the right to ask that long hair be tied back
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school, and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons, or if they are experiencing discomfort
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform, depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with Katy Chance, Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniforms.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo attached or be in a unique fabric or style) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers, and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to shop around for the best price.

We will therefore make sure our uniform:

- › Is available at a reasonable cost
- › Provides the best value for money for parents and carers

We will do this by:

- › Following the statutory limits for compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to a maximum of:
 - **3 or fewer**
- › Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary, and limiting these items where possible for example, by only asking that the jumper/cardigan, features the school logo
- › Limiting compulsory branded items to low-cost and/or long-lasting items: **Jumper and House T-shirt**
- › Considering cheaper alternatives to compulsory branded items, as long as they are in school colours.
- › Avoiding specific requirements for items such as coats, bags and shoes/trainers that pupils could also wear on non-school days
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities including (but not limited to) sport, music and drama
- › Avoiding requiring different branded items for particular times of the year, such as a branded dress in summer and a branded skirt in winter
- › Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters
- › Considering alternative approaches, including loaning compulsory branded items such as sports kit for competitions
- › Making sure that opportunities to acquire second-hand items in a timely manner are accessible to parents and carers of both current and prospective pupils, and publishing this information on our website
- › Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications, and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- › Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy, and carefully considering any complaints about uniform in line with the school's complaints policy
- › Avoiding single-supplier contracts, to make sure generic items can be purchased from a range of retailers
- › Continuing to review this policy, to ensure the cost of our uniform is reasonable and provides the best value for money

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

- › Boys/ Girls Uniform black or grey trousers/ skirt.
- › White shirt/ blouse or white/ yellow polo shirt.
- › Green sweatshirt with **school logo or plain green jumper/cardigan**.
- › A green fleece with the school logo may be worn.
- › Black sensible, waterproof school shoes should be worn at all times.
- › In the summer, the girls may prefer to wear white/green or white / yellow check dresses and boys can wear grey or black shorts.
- › For PE their **house colour t-shirt**, black shorts of jogging bottoms (**non-branded**), trainers (plain, preferably black).
- › Can we also remind you that we do not allow branded PE clothes and that all clothes must be plain, including jumper. We are a fully inclusive school, so children do not feel left out or different for not having certain styles.

In addition:

- No jewellery except a plain single stud for pierced ears (to be taken out or covered with tape for PE) and a watch if age appropriate.
- No extreme hairstyles or colours
- No makeup or nail varnish, this includes false eyelashes, eyelash extensions, false nails, gel acrylics and nail art.

Parents will be contacted if pupils come to school in the above and pupils will be asked to remove them.

- We also ask that all water bottles are small, with no straws. **The school does not allow Stanley bottles or similar and large water bottles.** All bottles can be refilled at school. We ask for **water only** and no squash or juice. Metal water bottles, especially if large, can be dangerous when dropped, as they are heavy. A small plastic bottle is the most sensible bottle with water only please in them.
- Children do not need to bring in their own pencil case. The school provides all the equipment the children need. Pencil cases with own equipment causes many distractions and arguments within the classroom. We are also a fully inclusive school, so children do not feel left out or different for not having certain pens etc.
- Please can only a small bag that can fit in the children locker be used for school, the children only need to bring in their reading book, water bottle and packed lunch if required.

Please ensure all clothing, bags, bottles and especially jumpers are **named**. We will initial them in school if no name is found as it becomes very challenging in school when we need to match a jumper to a child and jumpers then become lost.

4.2 Where to purchase or acquire it

- Our school uniform and accessories can be purchased online from 'My Clothing' ; www.myclothing.com/worth-primary-school/14451.school
- Any leading high street chains or supermarkets that supply school uniforms.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to speak to Katy Chance, Headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- **Clearly labelled with the child's name**

- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact Katy Chance, Headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by Katy Chance, Headteacher.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation and the pupil will not miss classroom teaching because of a sanction. This is in line with the statutory [guidance](#).

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers, and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single-supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by The School. At every review, it will be approved by the Local Governing Body.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy