



Whaley Thorns Primary School  
Part of the TEAM Education Trust

# School Uniform Policy

## Whaley Thorns 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 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 sex, race, religion or belief, 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 or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils

- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Ms Place (by email at [office@whaleythorns.teameducation.org](mailto:office@whaleythorns.teameducation.org)), who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

### 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 on the cost of school uniform.

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

We will make sure our uniform:

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

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible and we only ask that a jumper and sports top feature the school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items

- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 4. Expectations for school uniform

### 4.1 Our school's uniform

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan.
- White or royal blue polo t-shirt or shirt.
- Grey or black trousers or skirt.
- Blue and white summer dress.
- Black shoes.
- Sensible coat for seasonal weather.
- Blue fleece with the School logo – optional.

#### PE Kit

- Royal blue polo t-shirt.
- Black jogging bottoms (no leggings). If these have a logo, it can't be any bigger than the size of a credit card.
- Black (or very dark) trainers.
- Blue fleece with the School logo- optional.
- \* Parents in KS2 will be notified when Swimming lessons will take place. For these lessons, children will need either a black/dark blue 1 piece costume or trunks and towel.

#### Jewellery

- Pupils must not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing. Jewellery can also prove to be dangerous. Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be removed for PE.
- Body piercing is not acceptable and must not be worn for school.  
*\*Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.*

#### Watches

- Watches may be worn to school.  
*\*Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.*

#### Make Up

- No make-up or nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.
- No false nails to be worn.
- Please note children are not permitted to come to school with dyed hair.

#### 4.2 Where to purchase uniform:

- Non-branded uniform can be purchased from many high street suppliers, supermarkets and online shops.
- There is no expectation to purchase branded uniform although all items are available from 'Your School Uniform'  
<https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/whale-thorns-community-primary-nursery-15203>
- The school will arrange a second-hand uniform exchange in the final term of the academic year.

## 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 contact Ms. Place, (via email at [office@whaleythorns.teameducation.org](mailto:office@whaleythorns.teameducation.org)), 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 are also expected to contact Ms Place 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 are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

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 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 our Pupil Code of Conduct set out in the TEAM Education Trust's Behaviour Policy (Item 5) and the school's behaviour statement.

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.

### 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 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 every three years by the Director of Education at TEAM Education Trust. At every review, it will be approved by the Trustees before being shared with each TEAM school to be adapted to meet each setting.