

# School Uniform Policy



**Wistaston Academy**  
Primary and Nursery School  
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### Rationale:

The compulsory wearing of school uniform for all children attending Wistaston Academy has been discussed and agreed with the Schools Council, staff and governors. A uniform reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this Uniform Policy.

The school believes the following are the benefits derived from the wearing of school uniform by all children.

- Families have the opportunity to purchase economical, durable, functional and practical clothing items
- Wearing a uniform improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school.
- Compulsory uniforms assist to eliminate peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide “fashionable” items for daily wear.
- Prepares children for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools to which Wistaston Academy children will attend in future years.
- Promotes equality amongst all students
- Assists with student identification and safety in public places
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students.

### Implementation:

- Summer and Winter uniforms as well as Sports Uniform will be prescribed and is required to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are representing the school during outside school hours occasions.
- All children representing the school for any event or activity may only do so when wearing full school uniform.
- The only jewellery we allow are watches and very small stud earrings. The local swimming baths do not allow *any* earrings when children are swimming and we ask children to cover any stud earrings with an elastoplast during P.E.
- The wearing of jewellery, earrings and ear-studs (metal or plastic) is not permitted on safety grounds during Physical Education lessons and sporting activities. These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in Physical Education lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times.
- Children should leave items of jewellery and earrings at home on days when they have Physical Education lessons, or remove them before the lesson. An exception to this rule is when a child's ears have been newly pierced. Medical advice confirms that maximum of 6 weeks is needed for newly pierced ears to heal. Thereafter, it is in order for earrings to be removed for Physical Education lessons.
- If earrings cannot be removed, then taping of the earring is allowed. However, staff at school cannot do this, so children should come to school ready for the lesson, preferably with earrings removed or adequately taped.
- Hoop earrings should not be worn for PE lessons in any circumstances.

- Obvious hair colouring and extreme or attention seeking hair styles are not permitted. For safety and health reasons it is recommended that children with shoulder length or longer hair, have it tied back.
- Other than clear nail polish, coloured nail polish and other cosmetics are not permitted.
- Children are encouraged to wear summer caps to protect skin from harsh sunlight in the summer months.
- All clothing must be of reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing must be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate.
- Sports uniform and trainers are prescribed for participation in Physical Education or sporting activities. Children may wear pumps or go barefoot in the hall.
- The wearing of appropriate school uniform forms part of the Home School Agreement and all parents and pupils sign to agree this.
- Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Headteacher.

**The Headteacher:**

1. may prescribe alternative clothing to be worn for special occasions or camps, excursions
2. may excuse a student from wearing school uniform in exceptional circumstances
3. may assist students in financial need to acquire uniform items

**The uniform will consist of the following items and can be purchased from [www.myschoolstyle.com](http://www.myschoolstyle.com)**

**Boys** White polo shirt, black trousers or shorts, dark green monogrammed sweatshirt or fleece.

**Girls** White polo shirt, school dress, grey or black skirt, grey or black trousers or shorts, dark green monogrammed sweatshirt or fleece.

**Footwear** Black school shoes and/or sandals in the warmer weather. For safety reasons no thongs or surf style sandals or heeled shoes are to be worn at school. Shoes should be flat and have no high heel.

**Sport Uniform** Green T Shirt. Black shorts. Jogging bottoms or tracksuit, including gloves, for outdoor sport in the colder weather is compulsory.

**Sports Footwear** Trainers. Black pumps for indoor sport.

**Other accessories** Monogrammed school bag is not compulsory but highly encouraged. Bookbags with the school logo can be purchased from [www.myschoolstyle.com](http://www.myschoolstyle.com) as well as a range of other items.

**Breaches of School Uniform Code**

1. The pupil will be asked to explain their failure to wear appropriate school uniform.
2. They will be asked to conform to our policy by the next day.
3. If problem still persists, after the time period agreed, the leadership team or teacher will contact parents or carers to ask for their support in enforcing the uniform code.