

## **Willowbrook School** **School Uniform Policy**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed below.

### **1. Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

### **2. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. For example, Mohicans and severely shaved heads. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

### **3. Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain dark shoes or trainers without large colourful logos, as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain and dark coloured. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building, so that children are comfortable.

### **4. The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our school uniform bank. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be informed by text and will be asked to discuss the matter if it becomes a regular occurrence.

## **5. The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **6. Monitoring and Review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

## **7. School Uniform List**

Our school uniform colour is a combination of teal and grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a \* below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in school. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or green and white checked dresses
- White blouse/shirt or polo shirt
- Teal sweatshirt with the Willowbrook School logo\* or a plain teal cardigan.
- Plain white short or knee length socks or black or grey tights

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows pupils to sit comfortably on the floor. *Leggings are not school uniform.*

## **8. P.E. Kit**

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

### **Girls and boys wear:**

- Plain black shorts
- Plain White T-shirt
- A pair of plimsolls (Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children) or plain trainers
- Plain grey or black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather

**For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed or taped. Parents will provide the tape.**