

The Whitstable School Uniform Policy



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This policy will be reviewed every three years but will be amended before then if required.

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Policy on Uniform

The Whitstable School has a school dress code for Years 7 to 11 which must be adhered to by all and a less prescriptive one for the Sixth Form. Its purpose is to encourage a sense of belonging to our community at TWS.

All TWS pupils are therefore expected to maintain this high standard by coming to school smartly dressed in their full school uniform and wearing it in the required style. All items of uniform worn to school must be of conventional and formal style and clearly marked with the owner's name. Shirts must be tucked in, top buttons must be fastened, skirts should not be rolled up, blazers and ties must be worn. During lessons students will be permitted to remove blazers. Clothing must not include fashion items. Clothes, or any other item that a pupil brings to school, should not portray any inappropriate logos or wording. If parents/carers have any doubts about what may be inappropriate, they should contact the Headteacher.

From time to time, the Headteacher may impose additional restrictions upon pupil clothing and equipment in the spirit of keeping pupil uniform looking smart and appropriate.

No make-up is permitted for Key Stage 3 pupils. In Key Stage 4 only discreet make-up is allowed. No jewellery other than a watch is permitted. Nail varnish, acrylics, gels or false nails are not allowed. Jewellery will be confiscated and given to the Receptionist for collection after school. Ears should be pierced only at the beginning of a main holiday to allow time for healing so the earrings can be removed on return to school.

Hair styles and colour should be acceptable for a formal school situation. Extreme hair styles and colours (including patterns or lines) are not allowed in school. No visible tattoos are permitted at any time, including during PE lessons or games activities.

When pupils are travelling by public transport or are walking or cycling to or from school, they are expected to conform to the Uniform Policy.

School Uniform for students of statutory school age

ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM MUST BE CONVENTIONAL AND FORMAL SCHOOL WEAR, AND MUST NOT INCLUDE FASHION ITEMS.

BLAZER (compulsory)	Black with gold trim and school logo
SCHOOL JUMPER / CARDIGAN (optional)	Black with school logo
TROUSERS	Plain black
SKIRT	Plain black, Charleston style, knee-length *New students starting September 2019 onwards can wear the skirt with logo see next page
SHIRT OR BLOUSE	Plain white with standard collar and a top button (not a reverse collar for girls)
SOCKS	Un-patterned, black, grey or white
TIGHTS	Un-patterned, neutral or black
SHOES	Formal, black with low heels (not trainers)
TIE	House Colour

To clarify what is acceptable uniform, the following points should be noted. These may change as fashions change.

Blazer – pupils must have their blazer with them at all times. There must be a school logo on the breast pocket and the logo must not be coloured in.

Trousers - must be of a formal style suitable for school wear. They must not be fashion items designed for casual wear, not cropped, jeans, lycra or leggings.

Skirts should be plain black, knee length, Charleston style with the school logo* on the hip (available from Barnums)

*The skirt with the logo is available for students starting from September 2019 onwards from Barnums, a plain black Charleston skirt that is knee length is also suitable

Shirt or blouse – must be tucked into the waistband of trousers or skirt. Any clothing worn under a shirt or blouse must not show above the collar nor have logos or wording that are visible through the material of the shirt or blouse. (Shirts/blouses should not be of the open neck variety.)

School jumper/cardigan – (optional) this is the only permitted additional item of clothing for cold weather. Sweatshirts, jumpers, hooded fleece tops or similar items are not permitted. Pupils may wear additional items of clothing under their shirt or blouse for extra warmth but these must not show above the collar nor have logos or wording that are visible through the material of the shirt or blouse.

Socks – all pupils must wear socks or tights. Trainer socks are not part of the formal uniform and should not be worn. (Socks/tights should not be patterned.)

Shoes – must be sensible formal, black shoes, suitable for school. Shoes which are backless or have open toes, sling-backs or high heels are not allowed, neither are boots. Shoes should not be decorated in any way. Trainers must not be worn in place of shoes.



Tie – ties must be worn in a formal style clipped to the top button of the shirt. Ties must not be tucked in to shirts or blouses, have threads pulled or be coloured in.

Hats or Caps – no hats or caps are acceptable inside the school

Outer Coat – this should be a formal coat, suitable for school wear. Sweatshirts, jumpers, hooded fleece tops or similar items, which are clearly not intended to be worn as a coat, are not permitted. If a suitable coat does have a hood, at no time during the school day must the hood be used to conceal a pupil's identity.

If pupils do not follow the simple rules regarding uniform, they must expect to be punished each time they are caught by a member of staff. This may be on more than one occasion on any particular day, if they persistently defy the rules. Pupils whose uniform or appearance is not in line with the school dress code will work in the Pupil Support Provision until the matter is resolved.

PE KIT

Sports and PE kit should only be brought to school when required. No items of kit should ever be left overnight in changing rooms or classrooms.

Please find below the list of requirements that pupils must have for PE lessons alongside

All kit must be branded with The Whitstable School logo.

COMPULSORY PE KIT	OPTIONAL EXTRAS
TWS SPORTS SHIRT Black polo with gold logo	SPORTS MIDLAYER Plain black with gold logo
STANDARD SPORTS SHORTS/SKORT Plain black for with gold logo	SPORTS BASELAYERS Black with gold logo
TRAINERS Suitable for indoor and outdoor activities	TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS Black with gold logo
SHIN PADS To be worn when taking part in football or hockey	SPORTS LEGGINGS Black sports performance leggings with gold logo
SOCKS Black with white hooped trim	SPORTS BAG Black with gold logo

N.B some specialist equipment may be needed for team members for inter-school matches and specialist options. Shin pads must be worn when representing the school in football.

PE kits are easily mislaid. All PE kit should be identified with your child's printed name/initials in and trainers should be marked with ink on the inside. You have the facility with Ambition Sport to have your child's initials printed on their kit, free of charge.

Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form pupils are expected to dress as if they were in an office environment. Formal means that 'casual' items of clothing should not be worn. For example, 'casual' items are: jeans, trainers, sweatshirts, sports clothes, T-shirts, cropped or revealing tops, hooded jumpers or fleeces, shorts.

As an example, the following would be considered as formal office wear:

Male pupils: Shirt, with collar (tie optional) formal trousers and shoes. No jeans or trainers.
Female pupils: Shirt, top or smart jumper, skirt of reasonable length or trousers and shoes. No jeans or trainers.

For both sexes jewellery is permitted but not in excess. A maximum of two pairs of earrings (no ear stretchers) and four rings is allowed, but no nose jewellery or visible body piercings. Visible tattoos are not permitted.

Please note that students will not be permitted to attend lessons if wearing incorrect uniform, and the school reserves the right to ask students to go home to change.