

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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Introduction

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.

At the Whitstable School, we believe in 'Look Smart, Think Smart, Work Smart'.

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. 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. Jewellery will be confiscated and given to Reception for collection after school.
- Nail varnish, acrylics, gels or false nails are not allowed.
- Small clear stud earrings are permitted. Wearing plasters over piercings and earrings is not permitted.
- Hair styles and colour should be acceptable for a formal school situation. Extreme hair styles and colours (including patterns/lines or those that could cause offence or deemed inappropriate) are not allowed in school.
- No visible tattoos are permitted at any time, including during PE lessons or games activities.

Any pupil not adhering to the Uniform Policy will be given the opportunity to correct uniform infringements. However if the uniform infringement is unable to be rectified then pupils will be directed to the Pupil Support Provision until they have been able to do so.

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.

Provisions

The offer of a place at the school is made on the understanding that parents will fully support the school's uniform policy. Parents are asked to encourage their children to respect their school uniform, to wear it with pride and to keep it in good condition.

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

Pupils must have their blazer with them at all times, they should be worn in lessons and during transit around the school.

SCHOOL JUMPER (optional)

Black with school logo

This is the only permitted additional item of clothing for cold weather. Jumpers should not be worn tucked in.

TROUSERS

Plain black, formal style suitable for school

Should not be fashion items designed for casual wear, not cropped, jeans, lycra or leggings.

SKIRT

Plain black, Charleston style, knee-length

Skirts should not be rolled at the waist.

SHIRT

Plain white with standard collar and a top button (not a revere collar)

Must be tucked into the waistband of trousers or skirt.

SOCKS

Un-patterned, black, grey or white

All pupils must wear socks or tights. Socks should be no higher than the knee and should not be patterned or have embellishments such as bows.

TIGHTS

Un-patterned, neutral or black

Should not be patterned or have embellishments such as bows.

SHOES

Formal, black with low heels (not trainers)

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

House Colour

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

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

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, gilets 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.

Pupils may wear additional items of clothing under their shirt 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.

If pupils do not follow the simple rules regarding uniform, they will be sanctioned 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 / worn 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.

All PE tops 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 Plain black for with gold logo	SPORTS BASE LAYERS Black
TRAINERS Suitable for indoor and outdoor activities Black or dark coloured	TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS Black
SHIN PADS To be worn when taking part in football or hockey	SPORTS LEGGINGS Black sports performance leggings
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.

Marking of Property

Please mark clearly and permanently all items of clothing and equipment. PE Kit should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

Pupils should not bring expensive items or large sums of money to school.

Please be aware that mobile phones or entertainment equipment brought into school by pupils is done so entirely at their own risk and the school will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

Uniform Suppliers

You can purchase branded uniform items from:

Barnums Schoolwear

12-16 William Street

Herne Bay

Kent

CT6 5EJ

Web: www.barnumsschoolwear.co.uk

Tel: 01227 365220

Ambition Sport

Web: www.ambitionsport.com

Tel: 0800 0180262

Both suppliers offer the facility to have your child's initials printed on their PE 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:

Shirt, with collar (tie optional)

Top or smart jumper (only small, discreet logos)

Formal trousers or skirt (skirts should be of reasonable length)

Formal shoes

No jeans or trainers

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.