



**The
Whitstable
School**

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TRUST

Uniform Policy

Equalities Statement

In our Trust we work to ensure that there is equality of opportunity for all members of our community who hold a range of protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, as well as having regard to other factors which have the potential to cause inequality, such as, socio- economic factors. For further information, please see our Equalities Policy.

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1. 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 must not be rolled up, blazers and ties must be worn. For inappropriate skirt length trousers will be enforced. 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.

- 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.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.

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.

2. 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.

3. 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 with gold trim, Charleston style, knee-length (From Yr 7 from September 2024)

Skirts must not be rolled at the waist. For repeat rolling, trousers will be enforced to replace the skirt.

SHIRT

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

Must be tucked into the waistband of trousers or skirt.

SOCKS (from September 2025)

Un-patterned, black

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

TIGHTS

Un-patterned black

Should not be patterned or have embellishments such as bows.

SHOES

Formal, black with low heels (Trainers are not permitted)

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

Year colour (For Yr 7 from September 2025)

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 – hats or caps are not 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 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.

4. PE Kit

Only the TWS official PE kit is to be worn in line with the grid below. Students will arrive at school in their PE kit only when they have PE on that day. Students must ensure they bring their normal school bag with all the equipment for lessons and their TRACK card. 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 POLO SHIRT OR T-SHIRT Black with school logo	Fleece (optional) Plain black with school logo
STANDARD SPORTS SHORTS Plain Black (Cycling shorts/very short tight fitting shorts are not permitted)	SPORTS BASE LAYERS Plain Black
TRAINERS Suitable for indoor and outdoor activities Black or dark coloured	TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS Black with school logo or Plain black and unbranded
SHIN PADS To be worn when taking part in football or hockey	SPORTS LEGGINGS Black with school logo or plain black and unbranded sports performance leggings
SOCKS Plain black or white	Football Boots If Required for specific sports

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.

5. 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/sentimental items or large sums of money to school. If done so, this will be at the owner's own risk and not the responsibility of The Whitstable 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.

6. 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

Our supplier offers the facility to have your child's initials printed on their PE kit, free of charge.

Sixth Form Dress Code

We believe our Sixth Form students are role models. Whilst we allow them to have some freedom to express themselves as individuals, they have a responsibility to set a good example to younger students and the local community. Therefore we expect high standards of presentation and have a clear dress code which must be adhered to.

Students are permitted to wear smart- casual clothing within the guidelines outlined below. They should understand that this is a privilege given to encourage independence, but also to enable students to develop an understanding of what constitutes appropriate choice.

Students are permitted to wear clothing appropriate for learning within the guidelines outlined below.

- **Tops** – Blouses, shirts, plain coloured TShirts and polo shirts are allowed. Vest or 'strappy' tops, 'crop tops', bandeau tops or playsuits are not permitted around the school. Logos must be small, discrete and inoffensive.
- **Skirts / Dresses** of an appropriate length. Blue denim is not permitted.
- **Trousers** – No blue denim jeans. Shorts are not permitted.
- **Shoes** – No flip flops, sliders, Crocs
- Non uniform tracksuits and gym wear are not permitted.
- Both male and female students are allowed a small amount of discrete jewellery.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Hats and hoods are not permitted to be worn inside.

Students must wear lanyards at all times. PE and dance students should wear appropriate clothing for their learning.

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.