



## Woodside Junior School

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# UNIFORM STANDARDS AT WOODSIDE SCHOOL

## Introduction

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone.

## Aims

Our standards regarding school uniform are based on the notion that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning since it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school and encourages identity with the school
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of children
- Ensures children of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

## Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The only exception to this rule is a watch. Earrings may only be worn to school for six weeks after a new piercing and please ensure we are informed in writing of the date of piercing. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears, to consider get the piercing right at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term. Where this is not possible we ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a plaster/tape to prevent them from causing injury.

**Aside from new piercing, earrings must not be worn in school.**



SCHOOL GUIDE RATING



## **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Shoes must be suitable for all school activities and so school shoes should be sturdy and with the appropriate amount of support e.g. straps/laces for both girls and boys. However we do not allow children to wear trainers to or in school (except for PE) this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list unless it is PE or games.

## **Nail Varnish/Make up**

No nail varnish or make up is permitted to be worn in school.

## **Hair**

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair must be tied up in PE. In swimming we request that children wear a swimming cap if hair is below chin level. Non regulation hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn. These include:

- Hair shaved to the head and or patterns cut into the hair
- Hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere
- Hair that has been spiked up
- Hair dyed, either wholly or partly, in a non-natural hair colour
- No beading is permitted

## **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform standards. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.