



WESTONZOYLAND

Community Primary School and Pre-school

Uniform Policy

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Headteacher

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Our policy on school uniform is 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, and engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school. We have designed our uniform with health and safety in mind.

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 outside of break and lunchtime. Items of uniform can be bought from our uniform supplier South West Schoolwear, but they are also easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops, including supermarkets.

Our Uniform:

Standard wear:

- White blouse, shirt or polo shirt – available with the school logo
- Plain grey or black skirt, calottes, pinafore dress, shorts or trousers (all of these must be a smart style i.e. not leggings, jogging bottoms, jeans or football shorts. Skirts should be of an appropriate length)
- Red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt – available with the school logo.
- Optional red and white gingham dress
- Plain black, sensible, low-heeled shoes (boots are allowed if children able to sit on the carpet in them comfortably). Logos should be avoided or be plain black.
- If socks or tights are visible they should be plain black, red, grey or white

Sports trainers may be worn for PE days and lunchtime activities only

PE:

- Plain red T-shirt or polo shirt – available with the school logo
- Plain red hoodie – available with the school logo (or children can wear their school jumpers/cardigans)
- Plain black shorts or jogging/track-suit bottoms
- Sports trainers

On days where they have PE, Outdoor Education/Forest School or a sports club/fixture, children are permitted to come to school in their PE uniform. Please ensure that this is consistent with the list above.

Uniform Exchange:

We have a school uniform exchange wardrobe on the KS2 playground against the wall of the school. The exchange is open at the end of the school day. Please take any items that you need; you don't need to ask anyone.

We gratefully accept donations to our uniform exchange. Please drop any unwanted items that are washed and in good condition to our front office.

Items available with the school logo:

Items available with our school logo include:

- Red sweatshirts
- Red Cardigans
- White polo shirts
- Red PS T-shirts
- Red caps
- Red P.E. hoodies
- Red book bags and back packs
- Red fleece

These are all available from our designated supplier, South West Schoolwear in Bridgwater (Prices available on their website: <https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/shop/pcategory/schoolwear/westonzoyland-primary-school/>)

Pupil representatives:

Some of our pupil representatives wear different uniform to help them be identified; for example badges for our Ambassadors, grey hoodies and black polo shirts for our PE Leaders and grey blazers and red ties for our House Captains. These items are all provided by the school for the use of the representatives during their term of service. All clothing items should be well cared for by the wearer and returned at the end of the year.

Jewellery:

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain, simple earring studs in pierced ears, and watches. 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. If earrings cannot be removed for any reason then they will be covered with medical tape.

Extreme Haircuts and General Appearance:

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. In long hair, ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and preferably in the school colours. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines). Parents should also be aware that tattoos, nail varnish and other forms of make-up are not permitted.

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**. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

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.