

# School Uniform Policy

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### 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

### Statement of Intent

Cam Woodfield Junior School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background.

This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart. Additionally, it is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school.

We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance.

We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

**This policy has consulted the views of parents\* as well as auditing best value\*\*.**

**\*Parent Survey March 2022**

**\*\*Uniform and Best Value Audit February 2022**

### 2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils

- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the school, where we will be able to answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

### 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

As a school we have

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, by only asking that the jumper or cardigan, features the school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost items
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 4. Expectations for school uniform

### 4.1 Our school's uniform

Taking into consideration parents' views, we have decided to purchase iron on logo badges (these can also be sewn on if preferred) for the school jumper and cardigan. These can be purchased from the school office. Doing this, will enable parents to have the freedom to purchase the following items from a variety of shops or online stores:

### Our Uniform (Please refer to Appendix 1)

The school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral as possible.

The uniform is as follows:

- Navy sweatshirt or navy cardigan, with an iron on school logo badge.
- Light blue polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black skirt (in summer, a blue and white summer dress may be worn)
- Black, sensible shoes as well as black trainer shoes. (Trainer shoes with coloured logos or soles are not permitted).
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey or black tights

High heels are not permitted: sensible, plain black shoes must be worn by both boys and girls. Black jeans and leggings are not permitted in day-to-day uniform. All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

### Our PE Kit

Children are asked to bring into school their PE bags into school at the beginning of a new term.

The PE kit is as follows:

- Plain Navy T-shirt (with or without the school logo iron on badge)
- Navy zipped hoody or sweatshirt or normal school jumper (Winter months)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings (Winter months)
- Navy shorts
- Trainers or black pumps.

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

### Forest School Clothing

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their Forest School session wearing their Forest School clothing.

Parents/ carers will be informed of their children's Forest School days via newsletter, our website and/or via text reminders. Their usual uniform must be brought in for them to change into as children may get muddy and/or wet. Arms and legs must be covered to avoid scratches and/or stings.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their child is dressed appropriately for Forest School and brings their uniform to change back into. Forest School clothing is as follows:

- Waterproof coat (or waterproof jacket in warmer weather)
- Comfortable tracksuit bottoms or leggings (not shorts)
- Long-sleeved top

- Wellington boots or old trainers
- Appropriate hat for the weather
- Scarf and gloves (in colder weather)

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

## **Jewellery**

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- Stud earrings (no other piercings are permitted)
- A sensible wristwatch

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, for example, PE lessons / swimming lessons. If children cannot remove their own earrings, then this should be done at home on the day of PE.

## **School Bag**

Pupils must use an appropriately sized waterproof bag to carry their books and sandwich boxes. It should hold children's books and reading diaries comfortably without causing any damage. Large bags / large rucksacks are discouraged for day-to-day lessons due to space on children's pegs. School bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted. The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.

## **Water Bottle**

All children should bring a water bottle into school every day: this can be refilled by children whenever necessary during the day. Water bottles must be labelled with the pupil's name.

## **Hairstyles**

Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style. Brightly coloured hair is not permitted.

Pupils with what could be deemed extreme hairstyles may be exempt from the rule above on racial or religious grounds. The Head Teacher will take each individual pupil's scenario into consideration.

Long hair should be tied up. This is to avoid health and safety risks and ensure that children's vision is not impeded. Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn; however, small hair clips or plain headbands are acceptable. Hair extensions are not permitted.

At the Head Teacher's discretion, there may be exceptions to the above in extreme circumstances e.g. a pupil may be permitted to cover their hair if they have hair loss / illness etc.

## **Make-Up**

False nails and nail extensions are not permitted.

Children are not allowed to wear make-up. Pupils wearing make-up are required to remove it or, if appropriate, will be sent home to remove it.

At the Head Teacher's discretion, there may be exceptions to the above in extreme circumstances e.g. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage.

## **Adverse Weather**

Hot Weather Everyone working at/attending the school during hot weather conditions is required to wear sun-safe clothing that covers as much of their skin as possible.

This includes wearing:

- Loose fitting tops with collars or covered necklines

- Tops that cover the shoulder area
- Grey or black shorts or pale blue and white summer dresses of an appropriate length (if families wish to)
- Sun-safe hats
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Sunscreen should be applied in the mornings before coming to school. No sunscreen creams should be brought into school.

During hot weather, lightweight clothing is required to reduce the risk of overheating. Pupils are not required to wear their jumpers/cardigans during heatwaves.

## Cold Weather

During cold weather, pupils are required to wear scarves, gloves, coats and hats when they are outside. Additional layers underneath the usual school uniform are accepted. Where possible, pupils not wearing warm clothing are provided with spare clothing if going outside during break and lunch times.

## Labelling

All pupils' clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with their name. Clothing and footwear are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. If a child goes home in another child's clothing by accident, for example, their jumper, parents/carers should send the clothing not belonging to them back into school to their child's class teacher. Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property box. All lost property is retained for a term and is disposed of if it is not collected within this time.

### 4.2 Where to purchase it from

- Iron on school logo badge can be purchased from the school office.
- All other uniform items can be purchased from high street shops, supermarkets or online stores.

Second-Hand Uniform will be available from school termly. These events will be published in the school's newsletter and website.

## 5. Expectations for our school community

### 5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact their class teacher and senior leadership team if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

### 5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the school if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **5.3 Staff**

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with using our school's behaviour policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

### **5.4 Governors**

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

## **6. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed biannually. By the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by School's Development Board.













## **7. Links to other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

## Appendix 1 – Quick Reference Guide to School Uniform.

The images below are intended as a guide. Sweatshirts or cardigans have an iron on or sewn on logo badge which should be positioned on the left hand-side of the clothing. We also accept grey or black trousers/skirts/shorts. For more information, please read our School Uniform Policy in full.

			
Navy Jumper	Navy Cardigan	Light Blue Polo Shirt	Blue & White Summer Dress
			
Charcoal Grey or Black Trousers	Charcoal Grey or Black Skirt	Charcoal Grey or Black Shorts	White, Grey or Black School Socks or Tights
			
Black School Shoes	PE Trainers or Daps	School Bag	Water Bottle



			
Navy PE T-Shirt	Navy or Black PE Shorts	PE Jogging Bottoms	PE Bag