

Through all of its policies, Wellstead Primary School aims to provide:

A caring, family ethos in which all children can flourish.

Excellent standards of teaching which enable all children to achieve their full potential.

A curriculum which builds enthusiasm for learning and equips children for the next stage of their education.



## WELLSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### UNIFORM POLICY

#### Introduction

There is no legislation that deals specifically with school uniforms. Governing bodies decide whether there should be a school uniform and what it should consist of. This follows from the governing body's general responsibility for the conduct of the school and for the promotion of good behaviour and discipline on the part of its pupils.

It is Wellstead Primary School's policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. School uniform helps to promote a feeling of belonging to a special group of people; it saves arguments about what a child wants to wear; it avoids children coming to school in undesirable fashions; and it encourages children to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.

#### Aims and objectives

To ensure that clothing worn is appropriate both for everyday school activities and to the age of the child at school. Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

#### The School Uniform

##### **Wellstead Primary School's winter uniform consists of:**

- Grey trousers / grey skirt or grey pinafore
- Sky blue embroidered school logo polo shirt
- Purple embroidered school logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey socks or tights
- Suitable black low heeled walking shoes. Trainers worn throughout the day may be harmful to feet and, together with boots, are inappropriate for school and should therefore not be worn.

##### **Wellstead Primary School's summer uniform consists of:**

- Purple embroidered logo polo shirt
- Grey shorts / grey skirt or grey pinafore
- Purple check dresses for girls
- Sensible sandals, i.e. no open backs or toes

## **Wellstead Primary School's games kit consists of:**

- Purple school embroidered logo t-shirt.
- Black PE shorts
- Black plimsolls or trainers (trainers are more suitable for older children for games lessons on the field)
- Grey tracksuit

## **Extra items required are:**

- Purple school logo book bag
- Purple school logo shoe bag for keeping games kit in at school
- School logo caps or appropriate sunhats for hot weather
- Children are required to bring a coat to school every day in the colder months and a shower proof jacket is advisable in summer, reversible embroidered school logo versions are available from our supplier.

## **Other considerations are:**

- It is advisable that long hair be tied back so that it remains out of the child's eyes when they are working.
- Haircuts of an extreme nature are not acceptable and discretion lies with the Headteacher
- Hair colouring of an extreme nature is not acceptable and discretion lies with the Headteacher
- Nail varnish should not be worn.
- Jewellery should not be worn.
- It is inadvisable for children to wear earrings to school but small plain studs may be worn if parents feel that this is necessary. Children must either be able to remove these themselves for PE or must bring micropore tape, which they must be able to apply themselves, in order to cover these.
- A watch should only be worn if the child can manage to fasten and unfasten it unaided. No large decorative watches or those with alarms are allowed.
- Children often lose property and we ask parents to mark all clothing, and as far as possible, other items brought to school, with their child's name in order that belongings may be returned as soon as possible.

## **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their child to Wellstead Primary School to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. **Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Parents should raise any complaints about school uniform with the Headteacher of the school in the first instance, and if an agreement is not reached the issue should then be raised with the governing body.

## **The Role of the Headteacher**

The Headteacher's role is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy, as part of their duty to ensure day-to-day discipline at the school.

Headteachers can discipline pupils for breach of uniform policy, however the Secretary of State does not consider that exclusion from school is an appropriate response where a pupil fails to comply with uniform rules.

Schools should discreetly try to ascertain if there is a reason why a pupil is not adhering to the policy. If the reason is financial, the school should refer parents to the local authority who have the power to provide help with the cost of school clothing.

Pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them, with the required school uniform.

## **The Role of the Governors**

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities, including sex discrimination, and cultural, race and religious requirements. They should also be receptive to any reasonable complaint made about the uniform by parents.

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