

Uniform Policy

2025/2026

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Aims

At Woodlands School we pride ourselves in having high expectations of behaviour and work ethic and this is reflected in equally high expectations of our youngsters appearance in terms of uniform.

We believe our uniform:

- Promotes our school ethos and a sense of pride in the school.
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging. We celebrate the diversity of our pupils but at the same time the uniform shows they all share one identity in being part of The Woodlands School family.
- Sets the appropriate tone for education.
- Supports our commitment to inclusion and equality.
- Helps identify and safeguard our pupils when they are outside the school gates.
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion' clothes or expensive accessories that could be distracting in class and avoids pupils being singled out by others for what they are or are not wearing.
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.
- Is good value for money and prevents arguments at home about what to wear to school.
- Helps establish and make clear the fact that in whatever workplace they enter, they will be expected to have smart, professional and appropriate attire.

We ensure we comply with the obligations under the [Human Rights Act 1998](#) and the [Equality Act 2010](#) and the SEND Code of Conduct.

We comply with the non-statutory guidance on school uniforms issued by the Department for Education in November 2021.

Uniform/Standards of Dress

Blazer

- Plain black blazer with embroidered "Woodlands logo", obtained from Red Oak School Wear (No other blazers or jackets may be worn) www.redoakwear.co.uk

Pupils will be expected to always wear their blazers within the school building. When the weather is deemed to be too hot for blazers, a message will be sent early in the morning stating it's a non-blazer day. A non-blazer day also means a non-jumper day. Jumpers make you hotter than the blazers, so are not to be worn on non-blazer days. If you do not receive a message, then all normal school uniform rules apply which includes wearing a Woodlands School blazer.

Jumper

- V-necked, long-sleeved, plain black jumper with embroidered "Woodlands logo"- optional, obtained from Red Oak School Wear, www.redoakwear.co.uk - optional, to be worn under blazer and not to replace it. (No other jumpers, sweaters, hooded tops, tracksuit tops or cardigans may be worn)

Shirts and Ties

- Shirts - must be a smart/formal plain white and have a collar that can be buttoned to the top and must always be tucked in. (No t-shirts, polo shirts or sport shirts).
- Our Woodlands School Tie - clip on to cover top button.

Trousers

- Trousers – Plain black, formal, tailored (no cords, skinny trousers, leggings, studded pockets or zips, jeans, or shorts).
- Only trousers are to be worn, no skirts.

Shoes/Socks

- School Shoes – Black sensible leather shoes (no boots, sandals, trainers, Vans, plimsolls, Stilettos, other high-heeled shoes, platform shoes, canvas shoes or black skate shoes). If shoes have laces, they must be black. Pupils will need to borrow shoes from Pupil Services if they do not have the appropriate footwear, unless it is a medical condition or injury, supported by the relevant documentation.
- Socks – Plain, unbranded white or black socks (below the knee).

Outdoor Coats/Accessories

- Coats must be removed upon entering the school building. Coats are not permitted to be worn in the corridors or classrooms at any time.
- No scarves or gloves to be worn within the school. Hoodies are not permitted on site. If a coat has a hood, hoods should not be up at all at any time on the school site. This is to ensure we know who everyone is.
- Pupil's **MUST NOT** wear: Leather and simulated leather garments, jeans, denim jackets, training shoes, canvas shoes, sandals, high heels, stiletto heels, platform shoes, t-shirts, or hoodies.

Hair

- Hats are not to be worn inside the school building.
- Hair bows are not to be worn in school.
- Hair bobbles/Alice bands/hair slides must be plain black or grey with no patterns or logos.
- Items of head wear for religious reasons must be plain black or grey with no patterns or logos. Pupils must ensure that their school tie is always visible.
- Pupils are to keep their hair at a suitable length and style for a professional workplace. When choosing a haircut, you must consider the following things; 1) colour, 2) cut, 3) design.
- Hair styles should be tidy, clean and sensible/within the range of natural hair colours/no shorter than a grade 1 at the sides and back.
- For safety reasons, long hair should be tied back for practical lessons such as Art, PE, **Science and Technology**

The school will use its discretion for what is deemed extreme/inappropriate. In the event that a pupil's hair is deemed extreme/inappropriate, sanctions and time frame for correction will be put in place.

Make-Up/Nails/Piercings/Tattoos

- Nails - No nail varnish or false nails to be worn.
- Make up - Discreet make-up may be worn.
- No false eyelashes.
- No shaved eyebrows.
- No eyebrow, tongue, nose piercings or any other form of facial piercings.
- No tattoos.
- No pimple patches or any other facial or body stickers.

Jewellery

- Watch - pupils may wear an inexpensive watch.
- Earrings – pupils may wear one plain stud in the lobe of each ear (other types of earrings must not be worn for reasons of safety)
- No other jewellery should be worn at any time.
- No beads are to be worn at any time as these are interpreted as jewellery.

PE Kit

- Woodlands black PE top
- Black shorts
- Black sport socks
- Woodlands Rugby top
- Football boots (moulded)
- Trainers (No plimsolls)
- White sports socks

Optional Items

- Woodlands PE Hoodie (to only be worn for PE lessons)
- Black base layers/Thermals
- Plain black sport leggings
- Black athletic shorts (5in min. Girls only)
- Woodlands Rugby shorts (boys only)


If pupils are unable to do PE due to injury/illness, they will still be required to bring their full PE kit and get changed into it for their PE lesson. Exceptions to this rule are if they are physically unable to get changed i.e., in a cast or boot, broken fingers, or physical impairment. The reason for them having to get changed into full Woodlands PE kit is so that they can be able to participate in the lesson but in a different role. The

different roles could be coaching, officiating/umpiring/referring and/or performance analysis.

Woodlands School welcomes the variety of appearance brought by individual styles and choices, religious requirements regarding dress will be treated sensitively and will be agreed on an individual basis by the Head Teacher but must conform to Health and Safety and Security Regulations. The wearing of, e.g., saris, turban's, skullcaps, hijabs, kippahs and clerical collars, arising from cultural/religious norms are seen as part of welcoming diversity.

It is not possible to predict changes in style or fashion, but extremes in style of fashion which, in the opinion of the Headteacher are judged to be dangerous, or felt to undermine the culture of the school, will not be permitted.

Uniform checks are carried out on a daily basis. Occasionally there are exceptional circumstances where the uniform code cannot be adhered to. Pupils may be placed in the inclusion unit and the Head of Year will phone home regarding uniform concerns. Please be aware that this is in the extreme.

Signed: 
Head Teacher

Dated: 15th October 2025

Signed: 
Chair of Governors

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