Uniform Information





Waverley Uniform and Dress Code

Early Years* to Year 4 (*Early Years includes 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, Nursery and Reception)

- Dark grey or black trousers or skirt or pinafore dress
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo) or plain
- White polo shirt
- Black school shoes

Year 5 and 6

- Dark grey or black trousers or skirts (not leggings or jeans)
- Green V Neck sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo) or plain
- White Shirt
- School tie
- Black school shoes

PE KIT and FOREST SCHOOL (WHOLE SCHOOL)

- Green Waverley PE T-shirt
- Green Waverley logo hoodie
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms (Early Years to year 2)
- Black tracksuit bottoms (Year 3 to year 6
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Wellington Boots (Forest School)

IN SUMMER

Children may wear grey/black knee length shorts, summer dresses (green/white) or culotte dresses (green/white).

WHAT TO AVOID

Children should not wear false/gel nails. Tattoo's (Hennas) are not permitted unless it is in keeping with family religions. Make up is not allowed and your child will be asked to remove it.

Children should not wear jewellery in school, we ask that your child gets their ears pierced in the summer holidays so they can be removed by the time the school term begins. No other body piercings are allowed.

Parents should avoid sending their children to school with some haircuts such as (Mohicans), hair shavings (with patterns, lines, letters) and coloured hair dyes which are not in keeping with natural hair colours. All hair accessories worn should be in keeping with school colours green, white, yellow or black. (Please save the above hair varieties for the summer holidays).

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide and maintain a suitable uniform for your child. It is important that we work in partnership to maintain the highest standards for our children at Waverley Primary School. If a child does not come to school in the correct school uniform, we may provide that child with a suitable item of uniform to change into.

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Our school uniform supplier is: Tots to Teams, Unit 10b, Airport Industrial Estate, Kingston Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE3 2EF, Tel: (0191) 271 5454, <u>Email: orders@totstoteams.com</u>. Please find the uniform price list in the link below.

• Tots to Teams WebsiteLink to the Tots to Teams Website

Pre-Loved Uniform

School has a small amount of pre-loved uniform. These items are donated by parents and are washed and checked by school staff before being offered to those who request it. School may offer items to families based on known home circumstance information such as those on TAF's. Please make us aware if this is a hardship and we will see how we can help. All children in Early Years receive a free jumper or cardigan on completion of school forms.

What are the benefits of a school uniform?

School uniforms are a key way of developing a sense of togetherness among students and staff. This links with our core values here at Waverley.

1. Create cohesion

When students all wear the same clothing every day at school, any expectations on what to wear are removed and children develop a greater sense of equality.

2. Improve study ethic

If a child feels like they don't fit in, or they don't have the latest and best clothing, it can be damaging to their confidence. A lack of confidence can be one of the most significant barriers to academic growth. Introducing a school uniform removes this possibility, meaning your child has less to worry about and more reason to be confident in class.

4. Increase safety

There are significant safety concerns to not adopting a uniform in school. With their school colours on, children can immediately be recognised at a distance as a member of that school. In a situation where someone who isn't a member of the school is on-site, they can be easily identified as not part of the school by their lack of uniform.

This can be extended to days outside of school grounds. On day trips away, children can easily be spotted among crowds thanks to their uniform. This can be especially helpful when making school trips at the same time as other schools, where large crowds of children mix with one another.

5. Fairer dress codes

When a school adopts a uniform, it creates a simple and standardised dress code. When children are allowed to wear what they like, innumerable variations mean schools must adopt a long list of dos and don'ts to formulate their dress code.

By bringing in a uniform, schools can avoid complicated issues around modesty, offensive symbols, and text, and remove any need for teachers to monitor what children are wearing against this dress code.

6. Remove peer pressure

Children are often under some form of peer pressure but adopting a school uniform can remove one form of it. Without a uniform, children can develop expectations about what should be worn to fit into a certain group. Children divide themselves into cliques and the sense of togetherness that a uniform brings is lost.

7. Prepare for the outside world

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School uniforms prepare children for formal scenarios that we all encounter in our lives. Depending on the situation, we're expected to dress and look a certain way. Job interviews are a good example. Dressing professionally in working environments is expected in adulthood, and this is something your child will understand thanks to a school uniform.

8. Easy mornings for students and parents

As any parent knows, weekday mornings can be chaotic. It can be tricky enough to get yourself ready for work without having to worry about how your child is getting on too. That problem is amplified if your child doesn't have a school uniform to put on each morning, as they take their time to decide what to wear. In the end, it could take away from what is important – your child's studies.

Uniforms remove one more thing from the 'to-do' list for parents and carers every day.

9. Easier economics for parents

Children can be demanding when they notice their friends have something they don't. Without a uniform, the potential for this to happen with clothing increases. Children may put their parents under pressure to buy them a new wardrobe every season or capitalise on every new trend that sweeps through the school.

With school uniforms, economics is made easier for parents. You know exactly what to buy and when to buy it, and often uniform can be used for more than one school year. School uniforms are robust and designed for longevity. They'll last much longer than your child's other clothing, helping you save money by not having to replace them as often.

10. Encourage professionalism

Some people believe that school uniforms contribute positively to a child's behaviour in school. Their uniform develops an affinity with learning. Once they put it on, their purpose is to work hard at their studies. A sense of professionalism develops within each child, leading to more focus in the classroom.

11. Focus on character

Without a uniform, what they wear can end up defining your child rather than the content of their character. Children should be prioritising the development of their personality, having the confidence to be who they are and not be defined by material things like the clothes they wear.

12. Enjoy weekend style

We still want to allow children to express themselves with their clothing. It feels good to wear something we like, helping to build confidence in who we are. After wearing their uniform five days a week, children can develop a greater sense of appreciation for their other clothes that they can wear on weekends and evenings.