

# Waterfield Primary School



## Uniform Policy 2023

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## **Introduction**

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 and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Items of uniform (cardigans, sweatshirts and fleeces) can be bought from Taylor Made Uniforms @ [Taylor Made Uniforms | Supplying School Uniforms To Sussex](#) whilst all other items (trousers, skirts and polo shirts) are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of items needed for school including those for PE is printed overleaf.

## **Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Supports our commitment to inclusion;
- Prevents children from wearing “fashion clothes” that could be distracting in class;
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- Is considered good value for money with most parents;

## **Jewellery, hair ornaments, make-up and nail varnish**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears and certain objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove stud earrings or tape them over during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Earrings should be completely removed for swimming lessons as requested by the pool managers at K2.

Please note: Teachers and other staff members are not permitted to remove children's earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn in school. Extreme hair styles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have excessive decorative patterns cut into their hair.

## **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with heels. All children are required to wear black school shoes. If boots are worn in the Winter, they should be flat and in plain black and not prevent the child from sitting comfortably on the floor.

## **Headwear**

Hats, caps and scarfs should not be worn in school. Hijabs or other religious headwear can be worn with the consent of the Principal and should be in school colours (black or blue). They should only cover the head and neck and must leave the face clear.

Hijabs/larger headwear should be taken off during PE for Health & safety purposes.

In the summer children may be required to bring a sunhat for outdoor learning/play– this will be advised during the summer months if required.

In the colder winter months children may wear woolly hats outside at playtime, but as above these are not worn in school.

## **Rucksacks/School Bags**

Due to the ever-changing requirements of the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020 and the use of lockers through much of the school we ask that children do not bring rucksacks to school.

Children should only bring:

1. P.E. Kit ideally in a small draw string bag (left at school) – **CURRENTLY PE KIT IS WORN INTO SCHOOL ON P.E. DAYS and therefore NO P.E. BAGS ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**
2. Reading Books/Homework in a Waterfield Book Bag or Zip Wallet
3. A lunchbox if required, although a reusable plastic bag is also suitable.
4. Snacks (which should be healthy) should be sent to school in a small (named) zip bag if required.

Book Bags are available from [Taylor Made Uniforms | Supplying School Uniforms To Sussex](#)

**No 'School Bags'/Rucksacks are required or can be accommodated at school.**

## **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is clearly written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues.

Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day (if there is one available in the correct size etc.) The same will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be advised of via SchoolPing if their child does not have a PE kit and will be asked to discuss this matter if it continues to happen.

## **Individual Circumstances**

The school welcomes children from all religious backgrounds and 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 each request sympathetically.

If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Principal.

## **The Role of Governors**

The Local Governing Body supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and sensitively. It is the Governor's 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.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- Considering, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

## School Uniform List 2021 onwards

<u>Winter Uniform</u>	<u>Summer Uniform</u>
<p>Grey pinafore dress or skirt  Grey or black trousers  Pale blue or white polo shirt  Royal blue sweatshirt / cardigan or fleece  White or black socks  Black, grey or navy tights.  Black school shoes</p> <p><b><u>Early Years – Wellies stored at school in addition to suitable footwear everyday</u></b></p>	<p>Blue &amp; White check/striped dress or grey skirt.  Grey or black school shorts (<b>not sports shorts</b>) or trousers  Pale blue or white polo shirt  Grey or white socks  Black school shoes  or sandals with back support</p>

**Please note that skirts should be of an appropriate length which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor.**

### **Early Years Department**

Children in our Early Years Department are encouraged to wear school jumpers/cardigans along with black jogging bottoms for ease and comfort.

Black jogging bottoms are available to buy from [Taylor Made Uniforms | Supplying School Uniforms To Sussex](#) or any high street department store.

The Early Years Department also ask that a pair of named wellies are kept at school to enable all children to enjoy the outdoors.

### **PE Kits – Worn to School on day of PE.**

Round necked t-shirts should be worn in house colours along with plain black sports shorts, both are available from [Taylor Made Uniforms | Supplying School Uniforms To Sussex](#)

<b>RED = LEWES</b>
<b>ARUNDEL = GREEN</b>
<b>BLUE = WINDSOR</b>
<b>YELLOW = PEVENSEY</b>

Ideally, black plimsolls for indoor use and trainers for outdoor use. When/Where required blue PE bags with school logo are available to buy from [Taylor Made Uniforms | Supplying School Uniforms To Sussex](#)

Black jogging bottoms can be worn in the winter school with jumpers. Joggers are available to buy from [Taylor Made Uniforms | Supplying School Uniforms To Sussex](#) any high street store.

Waterfield also have branded training tracksuits available to support all day wear of PE Kit and colder weather – see below.

### **NO FOOTBALL TEAM KITS OR CLOTHES WITH BRANDED LOGOS/STRIPE TO BE WORN.**

**PE Kit at Waterfield**  
There is an expectation that all pupils will wear the correct PE kit to school on their allocated PE days. PE kit does not need to have the school logo but should match colours. No brands, logos or images should appear on any items of clothing.



The diagram illustrates the required PE kit and school colors. On the left, a red t-shirt and black shorts are shown. A red t-shirt is also shown with a school logo. To the right, four t-shirts are displayed in the colors: Pevensey (yellow), Lewes (red), Windsor (blue), and Arundel (green). Below these, a pair of black jogging bottoms is shown. To the right of the bottoms, a pair of black trainers is shown. Further right, a dark navy jumper is shown. At the bottom right, a silhouette of a girl's head is shown with a red dot on her ear, indicating that pupils must not wear earrings. Text labels point to various items: 'Pupils must wear a plain coloured t-shirt to match their School House.', 'Plain PE t-shirts featuring can be purchased from the school office.', 'Shorts must be plain black or navy.', 'Football kit must not be worn', 'In the colder months, pupils may wear plain black, navy or grey jogging bottoms.', 'Pupils must wear suitable trainers for their PE lessons.', 'Pupils may also wear a dark navy jumper if they need to. This should not have a hood or a logo.', and 'Pupils must not wear earrings on PE days if they are unable to remove them themselves. Please consider getting ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday so they have time to heal.'

Pupils must wear a plain coloured t-shirt to match their School House.

Plain PE t-shirts featuring can be purchased from the school office.

Shorts must be plain black or navy.

Football kit must not be worn

In the colder months, pupils may wear plain black, navy or grey jogging bottoms.

Pupils must wear suitable trainers for their PE lessons.

Pupils may also wear a dark navy jumper if they need to. This should not have a hood or a logo.

Pupils must not wear earrings on PE days if they are unable to remove them themselves. Please consider getting ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday so they have time to heal.

Visit Taylor Made Uniforms -  
[www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk/uniforms/waterfield-primary-school/](http://www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk/uniforms/waterfield-primary-school/)

for Waterfield branded uniforms.

Unbranded PE kit can be bought from supermarkets and clothes shops but they must **not** have any logo larger than the Waterfield emblem.

They should be a similar style and colour to the branded versions.



## **Affordability & Inclusion**

Waterfield aim for ALL children to have access to affordable, durable and suitable uniform.

Families may easily purchase matching alternatives to branded items through their local Supermarket, Highstreet or Internet Retailers. (As a school Waterfield do not advocate one retailer over another).

Pre-Loved Uniform is available from the Office – this is given out by request and will also feature in our uniform donation sales on the playground.

New items of key uniform i.e school jumpers/tops are available for individual families who qualify for pupil premium funding or other factors of additional support. Whilst limited, this can be arranged at the approval of the Inclusion Manager and Principal.

For families who require further additional help with uniform please contact the Office via the email [office@waterfield.org.uk](mailto:office@waterfield.org.uk) .