

Clothing & Uniform Policy

Yew Tree Primary School



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Responsibility:	Governing Body Policy
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Ethos Statement

It is the aim of the Governing Body of Yew Tree Primary School to develop policies and procedures which support the school's vision of:

“Learning Without Limits”

Introduction:

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school in identifying individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in this policy and on our website.

Aims:

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- ensures a sense of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by parents/carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our Uniform:

Our school uniform is compulsory for all pupils attending Yew Tree Primary School. Although branded items are not compulsory, parents/carers can purchase branded uniform (i.e. with a school logo) from the following suppliers if they wish:

CC Uniforms Ltd – www.ccuniforms.co.uk or by calling 0121 448 9199

Uniform Direct (online) – www.uniform-direct.com

If parents/carers prefer, they can purchase 'plain' items (i.e. without a school logo) from the uniform suppliers above or any other retailer that stocks the appropriate items (e.g. George at Asda, F&F at Tesco). These must be totally plain and match the colour of the school uniform item.

	ITEM OF UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
STANDARD UNIFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain, grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore Plain, grey or black trouser shorts – SUMMER OPTION 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trousers and shorts must be a tailored fit, e.g. <u>no jogging bottoms, leggings or sports shorts.</u> Skirts should be no higher than 2" above the knee. Skirts must be no longer than ankle length.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White polo shirt (with or without logo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items specified must have a collar, e.g. NO T-SHIRTS! Polo shirts must be tucked in when inside the building
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue cardigan or jumper (with or without logo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoodies or jackets with hoods are NOT permitted.
OPTIONAL ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue and white striped/checked summer dresses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress length should be no higher than 2" above the knee and no longer than ankle length.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain grey, black or white socks/tights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any socks/tights <u>on show</u> must be colours opposite.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain navy blue fleece/jacket (with or without logo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The jacket must NOT contain hoods
FOOTWEAR		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black shoes/trainers/boots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes/trainers/boots MUST be <u>plain black</u>, e.g. no visible patterns/logos etc Shoes/trainers/boots must be flat, e.g. NO HEELS Shoes/trainers/boots must have backs on them and be closed toed Crocks, flip flops, sandals etc are not appropriate

Parents/carers are asked to label items of uniform clearly!

If items are clearly named then this will help us return missing items to their owner.

If children choose to wear an item of religious clothing, e.g. a hijab or turban, this should match the colours of the school uniform (navy blue, white, black or grey).

Children are encouraged to bring a small, book bag for carrying their reading books and any other relevant school materials. Excessively large bags should not be brought into school.

Physical Education (PE) Kit:

PE clothing or 'kit' must be worn during every PE lesson for reasons of personal hygiene. The kit, which must be available in school every day, includes:

ITEM OF UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shorts or jogging bottoms (for winter/outdoor PE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items should be plain in colour and contain no logos
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain, white t-shirt or polo shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts must be plain in colour, e.g. no logos, football shirts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plimsolls or trainers (for outdoor PE or indoor games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will complete indoor dance or gymnastics in bare feet • PE trainers/plimsolls should be plain black where possible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draw string kit bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should contain the PE kit and remain on the child's peg. It should be taken home to be washed every week.

All jewellery must be removed wherever possible during PE lessons. When this is not possible it must be made 'safe'. Long hair must also be tied up during PE lessons.

As part of the National Curriculum, children in certain year groups participate in swimming lessons. These lessons are compulsory for all and the children therefore need additional PE kit to participate:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming costume/trunks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming costumes should not be 'loose' fitting and should be a 'one piece' costume, e.g. no bikinis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towel 	

We shall inform you in advance of your child's swimming dates.

Jewellery:

We discourage children from wearing jewellery to school but we do permit the following:

- Pierced ears – one small stud or hoop no bigger than a 5p piece in each ear lobe ONLY! (Children must remove these in PE and games lessons).
- Watches should be of a suitable size and alarms deactivated when in school. Smart watches, with services other than telling the time available, are not permitted at school.
- Hair accessories should be kept minimal and tied back during PE.

Items worn for strictly religious reasons are acceptable. Yew Tree Primary School cannot accept responsibility for any items, such as watches or jewellery, brought into school.

Unsuitable:

We do not consider the following to be suitable for school:

- Nail varnish/nail decorations
- Make-up/tattoos
- Extreme hairstyles, e.g. lines/patterns shaved into hair. Hair should also be of natural colour
- Football shirts, including those worn underneath school uniform (unless worn as part of an agreed non-uniform day)

NB: Outdoor clothing, e.g. jackets, wellies, hats etc are removed as children enter class.

Value for Money:

This policy has been written in compliance with statutory guidance from the Government about the cost of uniforms:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms

In accordance with these regulations, the cost of any branded items is reviewed each time this policy is reviewed. This means that, where better value is available through an alternative supplier, the School will take steps to engage with that named supplier as appropriate. In addition, as branded items are entirely optional, parents/carers have complete freedom to source uniform items from a range of different suppliers as they choose.

The School recognises the importance of recycling uniform in order to reduce unnecessary waste but also to ensure value for money. Therefore, it works in collaboration with the PTFA to sell second-hand uniform whenever available or possible throughout the year. Details of second-hand uniform sales shall be communicated through the School's usual channels of communication.

If families are struggling with the cost of uniform, they may also be eligible for support from Sandwell Local Authority. To find out more details about the support available, you can click [HERE](#).

The role of parents/carers:

Parents/carers are expected to fully support the contents of this policy when accepting a place for their child at Yew Tree Primary School by providing the full and appropriate uniform for their child.

We request that parent/carers inform the school if their child is unable to wear any item of uniform for any reason at any time.

Parents/carers may be contacted if a child is regularly out of uniform and children may be asked to change immediately.

If children come in to school in inappropriate clothing (including non-uniform or variations of the uniform) they will be spoken to by staff and may be provided with a spare uniform. Parents/carers will be involved at the earliest opportunity and sanctions may be applied in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Monitoring & Non-Compliance:

If children are found to be wearing clothing other than uniform standard, staff will speak to the child to ascertain the reason. Where necessary or appropriate, contact will be made with parents/carers to discuss this matter.

Children will always be asked to remove non-uniform items where appropriate (e.g. non-compliant jumpers or jackets etc). In certain circumstances, children could be asked to change into their PE kit.

Where there is persistent non-compliance of this policy, the issue will be referred to the Head Teacher and/or Deputy Head Teacher and action could be taken in line with the school's behaviour policy and pathway. Any actions will always be fair and proportionate.

Review:

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all pupils, parents/carers, staff and governors. The content of the policy shall be reviewed every three years, or sooner if circumstances demand.

If parents/carers have any issues or disputes with this policy, they should contact the School's Senior Leadership Team in the first instance. If they remain unhappy, complaints can be pursued by following the Complaints Policy where appropriate.

Any complaints about the Clothing & Uniform Policy should be raised with the school via the usual channels. However, any complaints about the quality of products, from named uniform suppliers, should be taken up directly with the company. Where necessary, the School will support any disputes or conversations between the company and parents/carers where necessary to ensure an amicable resolution. All feedback provided is taken on board and used within the review process of this policy.