

West Green Primary School Uniform Policy



The uniform options are as follows:

- Dark green fleece
- Dark green sweatshirt
- Dark green cardigan
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- Green polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black pleated skirt
- Grey or black shorts
- Grey or black pinafore dress
- Green gingham summer dress

Items with the school logo are optional.

Black leggings are a popular choice to be worn **under** skirts and dresses but are not to be worn on their own.

On PE days, children are able to wear PE kit all day. There are two main benefits to this:

- 1) The school does not have changing facilities for Year 5 and 6. During recent years as children have matured earlier, and also for religious reasons expressed by some parents, we have endeavoured to get pupils in year 5 and 6 changed in gender groups. This was highly disruptive to teaching organisation and wasted a lot of time.
- 2) For younger children in particular, it can be time consuming to get changed, and often clothing goes missing. Arriving ready for PE means more time is spent on actual PE activities.

Getting changed is however an important life-skill, and forms an element of the Early Years curriculum. For this reason, Reception children will still learn to get changed for PE. Staff are able to support the learning of this skill as part of the planned Reception curriculum.

For PE children should wear:

- Grey or black shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plimsolls (for indoor use only)
- Sport trainers (plain colours, preferably black). Sport trainers are suitable for indoor and outdoor use.

Other items may be layered over PE kit on colder days, such as:

- Grey or black tracksuit bottoms;
- Plain hooded top;
- School sweatshirt;
- School cardigan;
- Plain gloves.

The following should not be worn for PE:

- No hi-top trainers;
- No bright colours;
- No large logos
- No fashion hoodies;
- No fashion tracksuits.

If a child should wear any items of clothing that are not in line with the school uniform policy then appropriate clothing from items donated to the school may be sourced for them to wear whilst in school.

Shoes and socks

Common sense should be used when choosing shoes for children to wear to school. Black shoes, black trainers or black flat soled boots (in winter) are all allowed. We also allow black trainers with a small amount of white such as white soles.

Socks should be black, grey or white.

For safety reasons the following should not be worn to school:

- No open toed shoes;
- No open toed sandals;
- No block heels;
- No other impractical shoe styles.

Hair

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back for safety reasons. Protective hairstyles such as cornrows are allowed. Extreme hairstyles such as shaved designs and colours are strongly discouraged.

When choosing hair accessories, the school prefers that these match the colours of the uniform and are not too large.

Religious head coverings are also preferred to be appropriate colours to fit in with the uniform.

Nails

Nail vanish, false nails, and/or nail decorations are not permitted.

Jewellery

Earrings

- Only stud earrings are to be worn in school.
- Stud earrings are worn at the parent or carers'/children's own risk.
- Earrings must either be removed by the parent/carer or child for PE lessons, or covered with tape by the parent/carer before school.

If your child wishes to have their ears pierced then please try to ensure that this is done at the beginning of the 6 week summer break to allow plenty of time for wounds to heal.

Staff are not permitted to remove or insert earrings on health and safety grounds. The school will not be held responsible for the storage of earrings.

Watches may be worn but any watch that can link to a mobile phone is not allowed.

Jewellery items not to be worn are as follows:

- No hoop earrings, or large/dangly earrings;
- No bracelets (except for medical bracelets);
- No necklaces (except for medical necklaces).

Other jewellery is not allowed unless it is for religious reasons. If an item of jewellery is worn for religious reasons then please inform your child's class teacher.

Purchasing:

School uniform can be purchased from any store that parents choose. Items such as fleeces and sweatshirts featuring the school logo can be ordered online at www.myclothing.com.

Help with Uniform:

Parents of children eligible for Pupil Premium* may get help from the school with the cost of uniform up to the amount of £50 each year. Please ask at the school office for more information.

Head Teacher's discretion:

The Head Teacher has overall discretion regarding any part of this uniform policy, and reserves the right to disallow any item of clothing considered to be inappropriate.

*The school receives Pupil Premium for all children who are, or were, in receipt of Free School Meals any time in the last 6 years, other than Universal Infant Free School Meals. Families of children in Reception, year one and year two who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals should still apply for Means Tested Free School Meals if they are eligible. This enables access to financial help for uniform and school trips, as well as extra support in school.