

West Green Primary School Uniform Policy



New for September 2021, West Green Primary School have adopted a more flexible 'mix and match' approach to school uniform. Children will be able to choose from a greater range of options, and prepare themselves to work comfortably throughout the day. **Attention is drawn to the new flexibility with PE kit, tracksuit bottoms and trainers.**

On PE days, children will be able to wear PE kit all day. This was trialled during 2020/21 and has proved very successful. 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.

The uniform options are as follows:

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

Items with logos are optional.

Black leggings are a popular choice to be worn **under** skirts and dresses but **are not** recommended on their own especially for older children as, depending on their design, they can be inappropriate.

For PE children should wear:

- Black shorts
- White T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers

Other items may be layered over PE kit on colder days.

Shoes and socks:

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

Please avoid open toed shoes, sandals, block heels and any impractical shoe styles for safety reasons.

Socks should be black, grey or white.

Hair:

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back for safety. 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.

Jewellery:

Stud earrings may be worn at parent's/children's own risk. These must be taken out for PE, or covered with tape provided by parents. Watches may be worn.

Other jewellery is not allowed except for religious reasons.

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.