

North Walsall Primary Academy

Uniform Policy



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Reviewer	Mr N. Bradnick-Thompson Mrs T. Simmonds (Governor)



Introduction

All children must wear the correct 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. Uniform is easily available at very competitive prices and can be purchased from most local shops, including supermarkets and from specialist school shops for logo items such as jumpers, cardigans and t-shirts. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, are printed overleaf.

Aims and objectives

At North Walsall Primary Academy we believe that correct, consistent school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging;
- contributes to positive behaviour;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could lead to unnecessary distraction;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;



Physical Appearance

Jewellery (other than one small pair of studded earrings), hair accessories, make-up and nail varnish are not permitted. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be small plain blue or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers etc. attached.

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted in school. The use of styling products must be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. Headscarves for religious observance must be plain black or plain royal blue to match the school uniform.

Additional Resources

In an attempt to save parents money, children do not need to provide equipment for lessons - the school will provide this. As such, pencil cases etc. are not permitted in school. This also eliminates the need for a rucksack and, as such, rucksacks are not permitted in school.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos (or boots in the winter) as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building. Shoes must not have flashing lights or resemble trainers in any way.

The Role of Parents

Parents must ensure that their child has the correct uniform including PE kit and that it is clean and in good condition. In addition, all items must be clearly labelled with the child's name. If a parent has any issues, such as financial difficulties fulfilling this request, they are encouraged to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff or office staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new collection to wear for that day, but unfortunately your child will also be issued with an orange card (as per our behaviour policy). The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith 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 such requests 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 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 with sensitivity. It is the governors' 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 through its committee work 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

Our school uniform colour is royal blue. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in specialised school uniform shops; details of which are available at the school office. School ties are compulsory for KS2 only (Y3-Y6), KS1 is optional.

For girls:

- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or Royal blue and white checked summer dresses
- White blouse long or short sleeve
- Royal blue logo sweatshirt* or logo cardigan*
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee)
- Black, navy or grey tights
- School tie Y3-Y6
- Royal Blue logo Book-bag

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. Three-quarter, calf length, leggings should not be worn.

For boys:

- Grey or black trousers or shorts, not jogging bottoms
- White shirt, long or short sleeve
- Royal blue logo sweatshirt*
- School tie Y3-Y6
- Royal Blue logo Book-bag

Outdoor Clothing

Waterproof coats with the school logo are preferable. They are available from local school uniform shops, details of which are available at the school office*. Alternatively, waterproof coats are permitted. Trainers are not to be worn for any reason. Children are permitted to change into their PE pumps to play sports at break and lunch.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a drawstring logo bag in which to keep the kit at school. PE kit and PE bags are available from local school uniform shops. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us to avoid this by ensuring that all school uniform, including PE kit, is clearly labelled with the child's name. Rucksacks are not permitted - logo PE bags only.

Girls and boys wear:

- Black or grey shorts
- White logo T-shirt or polo shirt*
- Black pair of plimsolls/Pumps – Velcro, slip-on or lace-up
- Black or grey jogging bottoms and jumper/hoody for outdoor lessons in cold weather

Swimming

Boys Swimming:

- Black or navy swim shorts
- Blue swimming cap or white if the child is asthmatic

Girls Swimming:

- Black or navy swimming costume or Burkini
- Blue swimming cap or white if the child is asthmatic



Named or branded sportswear is not permitted for any reason; this will save parents money and avoid any unwanted attention in school. Children who do not have the correct PE kit, will be loaned one from our nearly new collection. Again, trainers are not permitted for PE. Rucksacks are not permitted, the school does not have adequate storage space for them, it is an added cost parents do not need and children do not have to bring any equipment to school that cannot be carried in their book-bag.

Logo uniform can be purchased in the stores listed below:

Clive Marks Walsall

<https://www.clivemark.co.uk/schools/n/north-walsall-primary-academy.html>

Crested Walsall

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/m-o/north-walsall-primary-academy/page/3/>

Examples



