

North Walsall Primary Academy

Uniform Procedures



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Introduction

All pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform while attending school and during any school-organised activities outside normal school hours. Students should ensure their shirts are tucked into their skirts or trousers, and we encourage all pupils to take pride in their personal appearance.

Uniform items are widely available at competitive prices from local retailers, including supermarkets. Specialist school shops also stock items with the school logo, such as jumpers, cardigans, and t-shirts.

A complete list of required school uniform items, including those for Physical Education, is provided below.

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 and even bullying;
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- Is considered good value for money by most parents;

Affordability

School uniforms can be very expensive, as such at North Walsall we have made a conscious effort to keep costing to a minimum. We have achieved this by ensuring logo items are limited to key items, such as Jumper/cardigan, PE T-shirt and PE/Swimming bag. To further support with costing from September 2025, we have removed certain items from the compulsory school uniform list, such as book bags. All other items need to be generic, non-branded. We have prepared a rough uniform calculator to support with budgeting for a new school uniform. (Prices correct as of April 2025):

Crested Schoolwear

- Logo Jumper £13.49 up to age 13
- Logo Cardigan £14.49 up to age 13
- School Tie – KS2 only £5.49 each
- Logo T-shirt £6.99 up to age 13
- PE/Swim logo bag – required for swimming in KS2 - £6.75 each

MyClothing.com (on-line only)

- White Logo T.Shirt £6.30 up to age 15-16
- Logo Jumper £10.80-£12.50 (Adult Sizes available £18.00)
- Logo Cardigan £10.80-£12.50 up to age 15-16

Clivemark Schoolwear also supply our School logo items, but may be a little more expensive than the suppliers listed above.

Additional Resources

In a further effort to save parents money, pupils do not need to provide equipment for lessons - the school will provide any and all equipment required. As such, pencil cases etc. are not permitted in school.

Physical Appearance

Jewellery (other than one small pair of studded earrings), make-up and nail varnish are not permitted at any time for any reason. Pupils are required to remove earrings before any PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. It is advised that earrings are removed on PE days, prior to your child coming to school. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings, therefore, if your child misses PE due to being unable to remove their own earrings, they will receive an Orange card as per our Behaviour Policy. Pupils wearing nail varnish, will be asked to remove it, immediately.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be small plain blue or black or white. Hair bands should not have large flowers etc attached. Hair accessories should not act as a distraction. Pupils who breach these guidelines will be given a 24-hour grace period to rectify the situation. The school uphold the right to send pupils home thereafter, for a short period of time or until the school policy can be upheld.

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted in school, examples of such are as follows:

- No decorative patterns or line cut into their hair
- Hair must not be coloured
- Headscarves for religious observance are welcomed, they must be plain black or royal blue to match the school uniform, with no decoration or sequins. For health and safety reasons they should not be flowing, either wrapped around, or pinned back, so the material is not loose on their head, which avoids it getting caught. The same rule applies for PE lessons.
- The use of styling products must be kept to a minimum.

Footwear



For health and safety reasons we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All pupils 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 too large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE pumps whilst inside the school building. Shoes must not have flashing lights. Flip-flops in the summer are not permitted as they pose a health and safety risk.

Socks that can be seen through school shoes should be plain white, black or blue. No patterned socks should be visible.

Footwear for PE

From September 2025, all children are required to wear black PE pumps for PE. As PE pumps are for use indoors only, these should be brought to school and left in school so they are ready for their PE lessons. If you know your child has grown and may require a bigger size, please let the staff know so they can send home the old pair, with your child and replaced for new.

Your child should continue to come to school on PE days in their full PE Kit (Uniform is specified below). From September 2025 all children should come to school wearing unbranded plain black trainers on PE days only. Any deviation of this will lead to your child receiving an orange card for breaching Academy policy. **Such trainers can be purchased from local Supermarkets and superstores such as Primark and Shoe Zone at reasonable prices.**

Uniform for Trips/Visits

When attending school visits or trips, the uniform required will be specified in the initial letter sent out to parents/carers. Uniform may vary from normal school attire to full PE kit, dependant on the type of visit. Please ensure you read this letter carefully and query with the class teacher beforehand, if you are unsure.

This will also be posted for reference on Class Dojo.

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 difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are encouraged 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 incorrect uniform will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new collection to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter as per school policy. 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. Pupils arriving at school in the incorrect uniform due to the item being lost or forgotten will be given an Orange card as per school policy.

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. School shirts are compulsory from Reception upwards. Nursery children are permitted to wear their logo PE T-Shirt under their logo Jumper/Cardigan instead of a school shirt if they prefer.

- Grey or black skirt/trousers (Skirts must be a least knee length)
- Pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or Royal blue and white checked summer dresses
- White blouse/ Shirt long or short sleeve
- Royal blue logo sweatshirt* or logo cardigan*
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- Black, navy or grey tights (white tights/leggings can be worn with summer dresses)
- School tie Y3-Y6
- Plain Grey/Black Jogging Bottoms and Zip Jacket (non-branded)
- Logo PE Polo/crew neck T-shirt*
- Plain Black PE Pumps
- Plain black unbranded trainers

Outdoor Clothing

Waterproof coats with the school logo are preferable but not compulsory. They are available from local school uniform shops, details of which are available at the school office*. Alternatively, waterproof coats are permitted.

Swimming Kit

- Plain Black/Navy swimming shorts or trunks
- Plain Black/Navy swimming costume or Burkini
- Blue swimming cap or Green if the child is asthmatic (£2.50 to be purchased through MCAS)

All children are required to have a school logo draw string bag for Swimming. Where possible, swimming items should be plain and unbranded. If you are struggling / unsure, please check with a member of the Senior Leadership Team for approval

Logo uniform can be purchased in the stores listed below:

- Crested Walsall - <https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/m-o/north-walsall-primary><https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/m-o/north-walsall-primary-academy/page/3/academy/page/3/>
- [MyClothing.com](https://www.myclothing.com)
- Clive Marks Walsall - <https://www.clivemark.co.uk/schools/n/north-walsall-primary-academy.html>

Examples of School Uniform





