



Uniform Policy

Our school specific uniform policies, reflects Woodbridge Trust's values and reinforces our trust wide culture of high expectations and pride. All pupils and students across our Trust must dress according to the uniform policy.

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in each school, and it reinforces a sense of belonging.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times. We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- ✓ Uniforms unite our individual schools within our Trust.
- ✓ Uniforms reduce distractions.
- ✓ Uniforms make us all equal.
- ✓ Uniforms look smart and our pupils and students across our Trust wear their uniform with pride, look neat and are ready to learn.

Woodbridge encourages each of the schools within our Trust to determine their bespoke uniform requirements and to have their own bespoke policy for school uniform which is reviewed periodically.

Our schools will always seek to signpost parents to the least expensive uniform suppliers and we allow our children and young people to wear items of clothing that do not have the school specific badge/ logo on as long as it complies with the uniform colours at each school.

We do advocate that parents and carer's shop at supermarkets for uniform and that if we have spare uniform that parents and carers have donated to school as their child has out grown it we will make available throughout the year.

All our children and young people have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race and gender. Woodbridge Trust is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to feel valued.

There may be occasions when the school uniform has to be altered due to the needs of our children and young people and our head teachers in our schools are always open to discussions about your child's needs.

Our Students that attend our Sixth Form and our College do not have to wear a designated uniform and they have the right to choose their own clothes although we ask that they comply with health and safety rules and are not offensive to others.

Please refer to each school within Woodbridge trust for the specific uniform details of that setting.

At Firwood High School, we have a school uniform, which we expect students to wear with pride. We feel there are many benefits to this, including encouraging a sense of belonging and promoting a positive image of our students and school in the community. Clearly we are happy to discuss any situation where cultural issues make the uniform below inappropriate (see "School Uniform and Cultural Awareness" section).

Details of the uniform are:

Key Stages 3 & 4 (11-16 year olds)

- White or Navy Polo shirt (logo or non-logo)
- Navy Sweatshirt (logo or non-logo)
- Black/grey trousers
- Black/grey skirts (elasticated waist trousers can be worn if this is easier for the student). If these do not meet a student's particular needs, black jogging bottoms would be acceptable
- Black headscarf as required
- Black shoes
- Black socks, white socks or black tights

6th Form Students (16-19 year olds)

Students do not have to wear school uniform, but they are expected to come smartly dressed that are suitable for the daily activities within our 6th Form. Making appropriate clothing choices is considered an important life skill and where we encourage independence.

Whole School Sports Kit

- Plain white sports shirt or T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black plimsolls and/or trainers for outdoor activities

Whole School Swimming Kit

Towel, blue or black trunks or swimming costume. A bag is needed for swimming kit.

Jewellery should not be worn during sports activities or should be covered with tape plaster to prevent injury. Stud earrings are allowed to be worn on health and safety grounds.

Please do not hesitate to contact our school office if you have any questions about our uniform on 01204 333044

