West Meadows Primary School Uniform Policy

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. INSPIRE.

West Meadows Primary School Vision:

"At West Meadows we create a caring, inclusive community where every child feels safe, proud and has a true sense of belonging. Through strong foundations in learning and character, we nurture aspiration and resilience, empowering children to thrive, achieve their best, and grow into confident individuals ready for the future."

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Introduction:

At West Meadows Primary School, we pride ourselves in being smart, well-presented and ready for learning. It is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. All items of our school uniform can be purchased from local / chain stores. You can also purchase uniform from Vortex Clothing with the school logo printed on. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education are listed below.

Aims and objectives:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school.
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Identifies pupils with the school.
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion and equality.
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind.

The Role of Parents/Carers:

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of our senior leadership team to discuss the issues. Parents/Carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Please note: Pupils who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our uniform collection to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply.

Uniform List:

All pupils (Nursery to Year 6) are expected to wear school uniform at all times.
• Grey trousers / shorts /skirt / pinafore dress
• Red or white polo shirt
• Red sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan / fleece (with logo: note this applies to fleece only)
• Grey tights
• In the summer, children may choose to wear a red gingham dress
• Please note: Shorts must be of an appropriate length, reaching at least mid-thigh when standing. Cycling shorts, lycra shorts or any form-fitting athletic shorts are NOT permitted as part of the school uniform. • Shorts deemed excessively short are not allowed. The final decision on appropriate length rests with the school leadership.

PE kit:
• Plain, white t-shirt (not branded or with logos)
• Black shorts / athletic leggings / joggers or tracksuit bottoms
• Black sweatshirt or hoodie
• Trainers or pumps

Please note that on your child's PE days, children are to come to school wearing their PE kits.

Footwear:

All children are required to wear plain black trainers, shoes or boots. Heels or platforms are not permitted. Footwear must be black.

Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish:

• One pair of stud earrings and a watch may be worn for school. No other jewellery, including smart watches or other piercings are permitted.
• All jewellery must be removed by the child when participating in any physical education, so we encourage no jewellery at all on PE or swimming days. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.
• Hair bands, ribbons, bows or scrunchies should be plain and red to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decorations attached.
• Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back for PE.
• Make up, nail varnish and artificial nails should not be worn to school. If a pupil is wearing these, they will be asked to remove them.

Second Hand Uniform:

A selection of pre-loved uniform will be available for FREE or as a SWAP. This will be collected via donations from our families. If you would like to donate any good condition items that your child has grown out of, please bring these to the school office. Please make sure the items are clean. A range of second-hand uniform will be available on selected exchange days or through contacting our PSA, Mrs Maree.