



School Uniform Policy 2026

Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that remains affordable and offers good value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we ensure the policy complies with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Outline compliance with the latest DfE Guidance on School Uniforms
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform and appearance

Rationale:

- **Wearing a uniform supports routine, readiness, and positive behaviour**, helping pupils feel connected to the school environment and its values
- **School uniform helps create a sense of belonging**, giving children a shared identity and strengthening school pride and community cohesion.
- **Uniforms promote equality by reducing visible socioeconomic differences**, helping children feel included and able to focus on learning rather than appearance.

Wellstead Primary School's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

To avoid discrimination of any type, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on a specific gender, enabling all pupils to choose the uniform items in which they feel comfortable
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (with requirement to tie back when needed)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school, safe and smart.
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Consider any requests for adaptations on equality grounds on a case-by-case basis

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as items that have to have a school logo or the unique colour of our uniform) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and we will keep branded items to no more than 3 items.

We will ensure value for money by by:

- Keeping the number of branded items to a minimum.
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics (branded) to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as jumpers
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats and trainers
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities other than PE related activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Ensuring that siblings are in the same house to maximise re-use of coloured PE uniform
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Expectations for school uniform

Our school's uniform

- Purple embroidered school logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- Sky blue or purple polo shirt this can have the logo or be a plain generic polo shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore/purple check dress or skirt
- Plain black/grey/white socks
- Plain black/grey tights
- Suitable black school shoes or suitable black trainers
- Coats should be simple and waterproof
- Purple book bag (generic item or with school logo accepted) or small backpack

Our school's PE uniform and swimming kit

- Purple hoodie (generic item accepted)
- T Shirt in house colour (generic item or with school logo accepted)
- Black sports shorts
- Trainers suitable for sport
- Black jogging bottoms/leggings

Swimwear is only required for children in KS2 who have this timetabled into the curriculum. It should include:

- Swimming trunks or swimming suit (1 piece)
- Towel or swimming robe
- Swimming hat to cover long hair
- Goggles if desired

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The children in Year 6 are entitled to purchase a 'Leavers' hoodie to wear throughout their final year at Wellstead. They may be worn only in the following circumstances:

- PE lessons
- School trips
- After school clubs
- Coming to and from school
- Any other occasion where the Year 6 staff have suggested that the leavers hoodie be worn

Other uniform expectations:

- Earrings should be studs only, for safety. Children should be able to remove these for PE or bring micropore tape to cover them.
- Long hair must be tied back, for safety.
- Any Jewellery that is of a religious or cultural symbol may be worn. The Headteacher should be informed so that all staff are aware.
- Make-up and nail varnish is not considered appropriate for school and should not be worn.

Where to purchase Uniform

Wellstead logo uniform can be obtained from [Skoolkit](#)

Generic items such as polo shirts, trousers, shorts, skirts, dresses etc can be purchased from any local 'high street' retailer or supermarket chain.

There is a preloved school uniform site run by POW (Parents of Wellstead / PTA) where good quality, preloved school uniform items can be affordably purchased. For more information, see: <https://sites.google.com/wellsteadapps.co.uk/wellsteadprimaryuseduniforms/home>

Expectations for our school community

It is expected that the correct uniform is worn at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean and appropriately smart for school wear
- Clearly labelled with the child's name

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform. They will inform parents of any breaches to the uniform policy at the earliest opportunity through a supportive conversation.

Any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform will be dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The Governing board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Resources Committee.

Links to other policies

[Wellstead Behaviour Policy](#)
[Wellstead Equalities Policy](#)

[Wellstead Anti-Bullying Policy](#)

[Wellstead Complaints Policy](#)

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