

Uniform & Dress Code Policy
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Wandle Valley Academy is a 'uniformed' school. Therefore, there is a clear expectation that pupils attending School will wear the uniform, will wear it appropriately and that this expectation will be supported by parents/carers. Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and financial circumstances;
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents/carers.

The school give one Sweat Shirt and two Polo Tops to each new starter free of charge.

The school holds stock of new uniform items and we welcome enquiries if parents/carers are interested in purchasing extra items. We also very much welcome the donation of any good, 'nearly new' uniform that your child may have outgrown.

All items of uniform and equipment should be clearly named.

Sweatshirt

Approved school sweatshirt. The sweatshirt should meet the waistband of trousers/shorts, skirt, leggings - no midriff should be visible.

Skirt

School skirt, which should be **knee length at all times**

Charcoal Grey/black

Trousers/leggings/Shorts

Charcoal Grey/black

Legging Shorts should be **knee length at all times**

All trousers should be properly tailored and should not be:

1. hipster cut
2. combat style (side/thigh pockets)
3. jeans style or material

Trouser hems should be properly tailored, should not be frayed nor should the hem drag along the floor. Excessively baggy, flared or bell-bottomed trousers are not allowed, for health and safety considerations. Trousers/shorts/**leggings** must be worn on the waist. No studded or fashion belts are permitted, belts should be black with a **small buckle**.

Polo Shirts

School Grey polo shirts with the Wandle Valley embroidered logo to be worn under the sweatshirt or on its own throughout the year. This will be worn in conjunction with the sweatshirt. A **sweat** shirt or Polo must be **worn** at all times. Pupils are not permitted to remove all tops, even in warm weather.

Tights

Girls may wear natural or black tights. No coloured or patterned tights are to be worn.

PE Kit

Plain white T-Shirt

Plain black sports shorts. Plain black tracksuit bottoms may be worn during colder weather.

No obvious logo's please.

Shoes

Black training shoes, trainer style shoes and boots are acceptable. Heels should not exceed 3cm. There should be no bright colours or excessive designs of alternative colours.

High heels, sandals, open toed or backless shoes or flip flops/crocs/sliders are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

Jewellery

Wandle Valley allows pupils to wear a limited amount of jewellery. We do not allow excess jewellery as it increases the likelihood of loss or theft. In addition, some items of jewellery can present a health and safety hazard.

In PE, Science, Art, Design and Technology for Health and Safety reasons it is essential that all pupils remove jewellery as necessary.

Make-up

Very discreet make up is allowed but, if it is thought not to be discreet, pupils will be asked to remove it.

Finger nails must be short and a safe length and shape. This will be at the schools discretion, but it is advisable that pupils do not wear false nails as it will be likely that they will be asked to be removed.

Coats

Coats should be suitable for school and offer protection from the weather. Coats should not be worn in the building and pupils should place them in lockers. Scarves must be removed inside the building.

Hoodies

"Hoodies" are not appropriate for school and pupils are not to bring them to school.

Hats

Hats and baseball caps are not to be worn in school and only allowed due to weather conditions.

Education Trips – It is usual for full school uniform to be worn on all Education trips unless directed by the trip leader after consultation with the Headteacher, when pupils should wear suitable clothing appropriate to the activity. School rules continue to apply during school trips.

Non-Uniform Mufti Days – It is usual that during the school year a non-uniform mufti day will occur to raise money for charity.

Pupils should not wear:

1. hats or hoods (up) inside the school building
2. clothing which displays motifs which may be deemed offensive
3. backless shoes/flip flops (sliders, crocs)

4. cropped tops

Lost Property

Every effort will be made by the School reception to return named items. However, it is only possible to store lost property for half a term before disposal.

If pupils forget an item of uniform they should report to their Tutor or staff on morning Meet & Greet, **before morning registration**, to borrow a replacement. These items should be returned at the end of the day.

All confiscated items will be clearly named and stored for parent/carer collection.

The school will contact parents/carers of those pupils who attend school without proper uniform, or those who refuse to accept the schools dress code, so that the issue can be successfully resolved.

Pupils will be sent home if it is safe to do so and there is a parent/carer present to receive them. They are expected to change into the correct uniform and return to school.

Exceptions to this dress code are at the discretion of the Headteacher only.