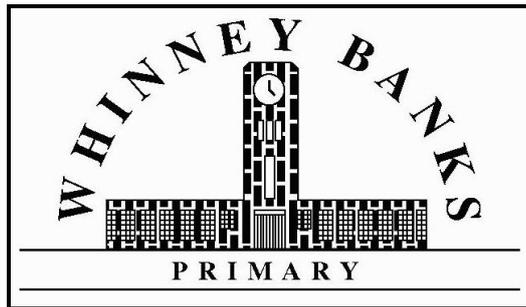


UNIFORM POLICY



Adopted by: Whinney Banks Primary School

Date: Summer 2023

Review Date	Type of Review	Comments
September 2024	Updated	Updated with Statement of Intent, Legal Framework, Cost Implications, Uniform – last bullet point
Summer Term 2025		

Statement of Intent

Whinney Banks Primary School believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, and is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Education Act 2011
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021

This policy has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2021) 'Cost of school uniforms'
- DfE (2021) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2021) 'School uniforms'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Complaints Procedures Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Tendering and Procurement Policy

Cost principles

The school is committed to ensuring that the school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents.

In accordance with the 'School Admissions Code', the headteacher will ensure that the school's uniform policy does not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money.

The school supports vulnerable families in meeting the children's needs and upon discussions outcomes, there may be subsistence by accessing the Pupil Premium funding.

Uniform

We ask that all children wear our school uniform which is as follows:

- Bottle Green jumper / sweatshirt / cardigan with or without school logo
- Grey or black skirt / trousers / school shorts without sports logos – not base layers or short leggings
- White polo shirt / T-shirt with or without school logo
- Checked green dresses in summer
- Flat sensible shoes / trainers – it is particularly important that children do not wear shoes with high heels as the children take part in physical exercise every day.
- Year 6 children are issued with a free, bottle green hoodie.

A selection of donated uniform to be made available if required.

PE and sports

Pupils should wear a white or green T-shirt and black or green shorts.

Children from Nursery to Y6 should have either a pair of soft P.E. Plimsolls or trainers.

Children will now be allowed to come into school in their PE Kits instead of their uniform on the days they have PE. It is really important that the PE kit is appropriate for school. The following clothing cannot be worn for PE: crop-tops, base-layer clothing and football kits.

If children do not wear uniform for any reason (notified by a parent) they should wear something equally smart in green, black, grey or white without logos. Other colours are not allowed.

If they arrive wearing unsuitable clothing they will be given a clean school sweatshirt or T-shirt to wear for the day.

Please note that we do not allow pupils to wear make-up, nail varnish, false nails or jewellery (other than small stud earrings) in school.

Where children are going out of school on trips or to represent the school in competitions they will be expected to wear a school uniform.

To help parents we have arranged for MI Supplies to provide your school uniform embroidered with the school logo. Please click on their name, which you will find at the top right-hand corner of our website (www.Whinneybanks.org.uk). You can choose to have your order delivered to school free of charge or delivered to home for a charge.

The following also provide a full range of uniform complete with the school logo:

- MI Supplies – Please click on the logo on our website
- Elizabeth's Embroidery, 8 Richardson Road, Stockton on Tees, TS18 3LJ
Tel: 01642 674973 Website: www.elizabethembroidery.com
- Dimensions Screen Print & Design, Unit 2 Victoria Street, Middlesbrough.
Tel. 01642 244604

The provision of a named shoe-bag of the drawstring type is very useful. Large bags of this sort may be purchased from MI Supplies. Parents should note that we do not allow pupils to bring large, expensive sports bags to school.

Children attending swimming lessons should be provided with a towel and costume from home. They should not bring toiletries such as talc or sprays.

Parents are asked to ensure all articles of clothing have the name of the owner clearly marked. If children lose clothing that is not named, especially a coat, it is very difficult to find the item and return it safely to its owner.