

# **Treetops Learning Community**

## **School Uniform Policy**

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Treetops Free School



“A school uniform is a significant part of life at school because it can play an important role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging”

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# 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Encourage parents/carers to ensure their children are in the correct uniform to create the right impression and enhance a sense of belonging to the school
- Set out our approach to requiring uniform items that are of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform
- Encourage pupils to feel greater levels of school pride, unity, and community spirit

## 2. Limiting the cost of school uniform

We will make sure our uniform requirements are:

- Available at a reasonable cost from major retailers/supermarkets
- Provide the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Limiting compulsory logo items to just a blazer badge and school tie.
- Keeping the number of items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items (FOTS)
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes

## 3. Expectations for school uniform

### 3.1 Our school uniform:

#### Girls Uniform

- Black blazer with school badge (Formal Learners Year 7-11 ONLY)
- School Tie (Formal Learners Year 7-11 ONLY)
- Plain black shoes. Heels no bigger than 6cms at the highest point. Or black trainers – No coloured logos. (No platform soles, sling-backs, boots, clogs, Crocs etc)
- Black or dark grey trousers
- Black or dark grey skirt
- Plain white shirt with collar
- Black socks (standard length or knee length)
- Black or dark grey jumper or cardigan

- Blue and White Checked dresses (Summer months ONLY)

### **Boy's uniform**

- Black blazer with school badge (Formal Learners Year 7-11 ONLY)
- School Tie (Formal Learners Year 7-11 ONLY)
- Plain black shoes. Or black trainers – No coloured logos. (No boots, clogs, Crocs etc)
- Black or dark grey trousers
- Plain white shirt with collar
- Black socks
- Black or dark grey jumper or cardigan

### **PE Uniform:**

- Plain Black or White T-Shirt/Polo Shirt
- Choice of black shorts or black leggings or tracksuit pants
- Black socks
- Trainers (avoid expensive brands as the School will not be held responsible for missing items)
- Hair bobble for long hair (learners are required to tie back hair for Health and Safety purposes)

### **Items NOT Permitted:**

- False eyelashes
- Acrylic /False nails
- Coloured Nail Varnish
- CROCS
- Backless shoes
- High Heeled Shoes/Boots
- Temporary Tattoos
- Dangly/Hoop Earrings
- Offensive Slogan Tops/Hoodies
- Jewellery (small stud earrings only)

### **3.2 Where to purchase it**

Plain uniform items such as trousers, skirts and shirts can be bought from all major supermarkets such as Asda, Tesco and Sainsburys as well as major retailers like NEXT, Marks & Spencer and Primark.

Blazer Badges and School Ties can be purchased via your School Gateway App.

Uniforms by Niki, Walton Hall Farm: UBN sell ready embroidered blazers with either school badge as well as plain items such as shirts and trousers/skirts.

<https://uniformsbyniki.com/>

## 4. Expectations for our school community

### 4.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform 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)

All pupils should be smart at all times

- Top buttons must be done up
- The school tie should be worn (where appropriate)
- The shirt should be neatly tucked into the pupil's skirt or trousers
- Shoes should be safe and appropriate for school.

### 4.2 Parents and carers

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

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition
- Well fitting (not too big or too small)

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the head teacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

## 5. Monitoring Expectations

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the member of Senior Leadership Team responsible for your child's Key Stage.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

## 6. 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/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.