

WOODHOUSE ACADEMY

UNIFORM POLICY

Reviewed Summer 2025
To be reviewed: Summer 2026

The wearing of full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the school ethos, which promotes positive attitudes, high standards, and a sense of personal pride. In our view, for a school uniform to be successful it must be:

1. Uniform and not open to various interpretations
2. Distinctive and smart
3. Easily and readily available
4. Reasonably priced

Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform as listed below:

Blazer Green blazer with school badge attached to the blazer. Only available from the official school stockists, Clive Mark & Smart School Uniform.

Jumper Long sleeve 'V' neck black jumper (optional).

Skirt Black knee-length skirt which should not be clingy nor shiny.

Trousers/Shorts Plain black tailored trousers or shorts. They must have a hem and not be frayed or have a wide or narrow bottom. Trousers should not be denim, cord, lycra material or hipster style. The bottom of the trouser should sit on the shoe and not cling to the leg.

Blouse/Shirt Girls – White shirt-type blouse with plain, undecorated collar (not polo or lycra style).

Boys – Plain white shirt (not polo shirt).

If a pupil wishes to wear a 'skin' type layer underneath their shirt, it should be white. Shirts should be tucked in at all times.

Shoes Plain black leather look shoes (not open-toe design, pump or canvas shoes, mules or sling backs – no coloured laces or stitching and no adornments to laces). Boots are not acceptable. Deviations from this are only allowed if accompanied by a doctor's note

Socks/Tights Girls – Plain white or black socks or tights.

Boys – Plain white or black socks.

Tie Green and silver stripes as sold by our official stockist, Clive Mark & Smart School Uniform. Year 8 prefects are issued with a plain green tie with small coloured stripes. The top button must be fastened and the tie knot placed at the collar of the shirt. The tie should be kept at a reasonable length approximately in line with the navel.

Belts Only plain black belts are acceptable.

Outdoor coats Sensible outdoor coats are acceptable. Sweatshirts or hoodies of any description do not qualify as coats and are not acceptable.

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- Jewellery** One wrist watch is acceptable.. A pair of small plain studs may be worn in the ears (maximum of 2). No other jewellery should be worn. Earrings must not be worn under any circumstances when participating in PE. The school will not be held accountable for any missing, lost, misplaced or broken jewellery.
- Hair** Pupils with long hair must fasten it back in laboratories and practical rooms and for PE. Extreme hairstyles will not be tolerated (no hair shorter than number 1, no shapes cut into hair, no unnatural colours or combinations). The school reserves the right to make the final decision on what constitutes an extreme hairstyle. Hairbands and bobbles should be neat and plain.
- Religious Headwear** Religious headwear is acceptable but must be plain and neutral in colour.
- Make-up** Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up. This includes nail varnish and false nails. Any pupil in breach of these rules will be expected to remove it immediately.
- Fake Tan** Must not worn at school. If your child takes part in an extra-curricular activity such as dance and needs this as part of their attire, please notify the school office.
- Summer Items** During the summer months pupils are allowed to wear tailored black shorts/culottes or a green gingham summer dress.

PE

PE Kit (Boys & Girls)		Swimming Kit
School hoodie*	Shin pads (compulsory for all football/hockey activities)	One-piece costume/trunks
Black/Green reversible polo shirt*	Gum shield (compulsory in Y7 and Y8)	Swimming Cap
White ankle/sports socks	Football boots	Towel
Black shorts	Indoor Trainers	Goggles (consent is required)
Green/black socks	Black sport leggings* Black tracksuit bottoms	

*supplied by either Clive Mark or Smart School Wear

Health and Safety

- Football boots worn for soft ground use
- A gum shield for rugby/hockey
- Shin pads for football/hockey
- It can be uncomfortable and unpleasant to wear clothes previously worn during P.E. therefore, spare underwear should be brought to school on P.E. days

Clothing for Art/Design Technology/Food Technology - to protect school wear, aprons will be provided for all these lessons.

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Non-uniform days: When pupils are wearing non-uniform, they must still observe the following rules:

- Skirts must be an appropriate length
- No make up
- No jewellery other than a pair of studs
- No crop tops or low-cut tops
- No inappropriate footwear (e.g., high heels)

Cost and Suppliers

Woodhouse Academy uniform is smart, practical and cost effective. In accordance with DfE guidelines, many of the items listed are widely available in high street shops and internet suppliers. Items such as blazers and PE shirts, all with logo, are available through the official school suppliers.

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy

The school will insist that pupils wear the school uniform and that their appearance is in line with this policy. In enforcing the policy, the school will follow the guidance issued by the DfE School uniform - Guidance for schools. Within the spirit of partnership, the school would wish to resolve uniform/appearance issues through consultation with families and will only remove pupils from lessons as a last resort.

Roles and Responsibilities. All adults working in the school are expected to monitor the implementation of the school uniform policy. Teachers will:

- Oversee pupil appearance at morning registration.
- Discreetly try to establish why a pupil is not wearing uniform.
- Request removal of inappropriate items e.g., jewellery/make up.
- Log uniform incidents on Arbor so that parents are informed.
- Make contact with parents to inform them of an issue which needs to be addressed, such as skirt length, or inappropriate school shoes etc.
- Refer pupil to the KS leader where there is continued breach of uniform policy.

Regarding ties, if a student has no tie, their parents will be informed via Arbor and they should be wearing their tie the following day (they may be required to borrow one for the day). If the tie is lost, another must be purchased via Arbor and can be collected the following morning from the school office.

Pupils who have 5 recorded uniform incidents on Arbor will accrue a red payback (30-minute detention) for repeatedly breaching the school uniform policy.

Pupils who are asked to address a uniform issue, such as an incorrect skirt, will be given an appropriate amount of time to replace the item with the correct uniform. If they are still not wearing the correct uniform after this time, they will be lent, and expected to wear, appropriate uniform from the school.

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Pupils who continually breach the school uniform policy may be put on to uniform report. Initially, this will be with the KS leader but if no improvement is seen then it will be moved up to a SLT uniform report.

The Principal (or another member of staff with delegated responsibility) will, following contact with parents:

- Discipline a child for continued breach of the uniform policy.
- Send a pupil home to change clothing /appearance without formally excluding them.

Where a child is not wearing correct uniform because parents are in financial difficulties, the school will be sensitive to the needs of the pupil; we will discretely provide items of clothing or loan them until new items can be purchased.

All parents are asked to support this policy in a spirit of cooperation for the benefit of all pupils.