

# William Harding Combined School



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## Policy for School Uniform

### Principles

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

### Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief 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)
- promotes equality amongst pupils
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### The School Uniform

#### Boys

Item of Uniform	Suppliers
Navy blue V-neck or crew neck sweatshirt, with embroidered school logo	Marks & Spencer Online or Bucks Schoolwear Plus
Pale blue polo shirt, either with or without embroidered school logo	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Mid grey trousers or tailored shorts	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Grey or black socks	
Black shoes (not trainers or boots)	

#### Girls

Item of Uniform	Suppliers
Navy blue V-neck or crew neck sweatshirt or navy blue cardigan, with embroidered school logo	Marks & Spencer Online or Bucks Schoolwear Plus
Pale blue polo shirt, either with or without embroidered school logo	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Mid grey pinafore	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Mid grey trousers or tailored shorts	
Mid grey skirt	
Black shoes	

## Girls, cont.

Grey, black or white socks	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Pale blue gingham dress (summer term)	
Black closed-toe, strapped sandals (summer term, optional)	
Navy blue headscarf/Hijabs (optional)	Bucks Schoolwear Plus

## PE Kit

Item of Uniform	Suppliers
White round neck T-shirt or polo shirt	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Navy blue shorts	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Navy blue football socks	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing
Navy blue tracksuits or navy blue joggers and sweatshirt (optional)	Marks & Spencer Online, Bucks Schoolwear Plus, supermarket or any good retailer of children's clothing

## Footwear

Black shoes with flat heel. Trainers and boots are not permitted to be worn in school. Wellingtons or warm boots can be worn to travel to school if necessary due to weather, however, pupils should change into school shoes once school starts.

## Optional Items

A number of other school branded items are available from supplier; such as fleece jackets, waterproof jackets, caps, etc. These items are optional to purchase, however, they do not form part of the school uniform and pupils will not be allowed to wear them in class.

## Jewellery

Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- A suitable watch
- Single ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- Small items of jewellery for religious observance

Pupils will be required to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

## Extreme Haircuts

Pupils are not permitted to have 'extreme' haircuts, tramlines, colours or any other designs cut into their hair.

## Make Up and Cosmetics

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. We do not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

### **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to William Harding Combined School to support this Policy for School Uniform. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

William Harding Combined School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are justifiable reasons, for example on religious grounds, why a parent would wish their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Any request to modify the school uniform should be made, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

**The Governing body of William Harding Combined School has agreed to adopt this policy.**

This policy will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis.

Policy updated: **February 2015**

Staff responsible: **Dominic Hughes**

This policy was ratified by the Governing body on: **24<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

This policy was amended by the Governing body on **12<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

This policy was ratified by the Governing body on:

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body:

(signature)

Mr Mark Bateman – Chair of Governors