



WOOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

2026–27

Smart • Comfortable • Inclusive • Ready to Learn

MAIN UNIFORM



CARDIGAN
(COMPULSORY)



JUMPER
(COMPULSORY)



SHIRT



TROUSERS



SKIRT



PINAFORE

Our uniform supports belonging, high expectations and a shared sense of pride.

Policy owner

Headteacher

Approved by

Governing Body

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September 2026

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September 2027



1. Purpose and principles

Woolton Primary School has a school uniform because it promotes belonging, supports equality, contributes to a calm and purposeful learning environment and helps pupils feel proud to represent their school.

This policy sets out a uniform that is practical, inclusive and affordable. It explains which items are required, which may be purchased generically and how the school will support families where cost or individual need creates a barrier.

Our three compulsory branded items The school tie, the grey school jumper or cardigan, and the school PE top are the only compulsory branded items. All other uniform and PE items must be plain and unbranded and may be purchased from any supplier.

2. Aims

- To provide a clear, comfortable and practical uniform that supports pupils' learning and participation.
- To promote equality, inclusion, belonging and pride in Woolton Primary School.
- To keep uniform affordable and offer families genuine choice about where non-branded items are purchased.
- To meet the Equality Act 2010 and the statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms.
- To apply expectations sensitively, consistently and without creating unnecessary barriers to attendance or participation.

3. Legal duties and equality

The governing body has regard to Department for Education statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms and ensures that this policy complies with the legal limit on compulsory branded uniform and PE kit items that applies from 1 September 2026.

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination because of protected characteristics. To support equality and inclusion, the school will:

- describe uniform choices without assigning items to a particular sex;
- permit trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores as appropriate choices for any pupil;
- allow religious and cultural dress and symbols where these are safe and compatible with school life;
- consider reasonable adjustments for disability, sensory needs, medical needs, religion or belief, gender reassignment and other protected characteristics;
- take a flexible, individual and compassionate approach where a pupil or family experiences difficulty.

Parents and carers should contact the Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion to discuss an adaptation or reasonable adjustment. Requests will be considered individually and respectfully.

4. Affordability and value for money

The school will keep cost and value for money central to all uniform decisions. We will:

- limit compulsory branded items to the three listed in this policy;
- ensure all other items are plain, unbranded and available from a wide range of retailers;
- avoid frequent changes and consult families and pupils before significant changes;
- avoid requiring separate branded items for different year groups, trips or extra-curricular activities;
- review supplier arrangements regularly and give priority to quality, durability and price;
- make second-hand uniform available and publicise how families can access it.



5. Uniform requirements

5.1 Nursery and Reception



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JOGGING BOTTOMS

Required	Optional / seasonal	Footwear
Plain white polo shirt Plain black or grey jogging bottoms Grey school jumper or cardigan with logo	Plain black or grey shorts in warm weather Plain, weather-appropriate coat Wellingtons for outdoor learning when requested	Plain black shoes or plain black trainers suitable for active play

Important The Nursery and Reception polo shirt and jogging bottoms are plain and unbranded. (Lgo are optional but are available on request from our supplier. The school jumper or cardigan is the only logo item required for these year groups.

5.2 Years 1 to 6: everyday uniform

Required items	Optional / seasonal choices
Plain white collared shirt Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or tailored shorts Grey school jumper or cardigan with logo School tie Plain grey, black or white socks or grey/black tights Plain black school shoes	Red and white checked dress in warm weather White polo shirt in warm weather (logo optional) Plain, weather-appropriate coat



5.3 Physical education

Required PE kit	For outdoor PE in cold weather
School PE top with logo Plain black sports shorts or plain black sports leggings Red TShirt (Logo optional) Suitable plain trainers	Plain black jogging bottoms
No additional PE branding is required Track tops, tracksuits, leggings, shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers must be plain and unbranded and may be bought from any retailer.	

5.4 Swimming

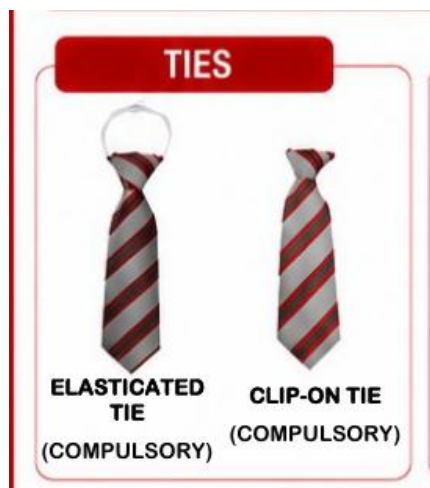
When swimming is part of the curriculum, pupils will need a one-piece swimming costume or swimming trunks/jammers, a swimming cap and a towel. These items must be plain and unbranded. Adaptations for religious, cultural, medical or SEND-related needs will be considered.

5.5 Bags, coats and accessories

School bookbags and backpacks are optional. Families may use any practical, appropriately sized, unbranded bag. Coats and other weather-related items should be practical and unbranded; a school-branded coat, cap or bag is never required.



6. Branded and unbranded items



Item	Status	Where it may be purchased
School tie	Compulsory branded item	Approved school-uniform supplier or second-hand provision
Grey school jumper or cardigan with logo	Compulsory branded item	Approved school-uniform supplier or second-hand provision
School PE top with logo	Compulsory branded item	Approved school-uniform supplier or second-hand provision
All other uniform and PE items	Compulsory or optional as specified, but must be unbranded	Any supermarket, high-street shop, online retailer or second-hand source

7. Purchasing and second-hand uniform

The three compulsory branded items are available from the school's approved uniform supplier, Kitted Out. Current purchasing information and a link to the supplier are published on the school website and are available from the school office.

All other items must be unbranded and may be purchased from any supplier. There is no expectation that families use a particular retailer for these items.

Good-quality second-hand uniform is available through the school. Families may contact the school office confidentially for current availability, donations or support. The school will publicise second-hand arrangements before the start of each academic year and throughout the year.



8. Presentation, safety and practicality

- All items should be clean, in good condition and clearly labelled with the pupil's name.
- Hair that could affect safety, hygiene, learning or participation should be tied back.
- Jewellery should be limited to small stud earrings and a watch, unless an agreed religious, cultural or medical exception applies. Jewellery must be removed for PE where required for safety.
- Nail varnish, false nails and make-up are not part of school uniform.
- Footwear must be safe, practical and suitable for school activities.
- The school may temporarily adapt expectations during extreme weather or for particular activities.

9. Expectations and support

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform on the school premises, when travelling to and from school and when representing the school, unless the school gives different instructions for a particular activity or visit.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are asked to provide the required uniform, label items and contact the school promptly if cost, availability, sensory needs, disability, religion, culture or another individual circumstance creates difficulty.

Staff

Staff will apply this policy consistently and sensitively. Concerns will be discussed with pupils and families, with support offered before any further action is considered. A pupil will not be disadvantaged because a family is experiencing financial hardship.

Governors

The governing body will ensure that the policy is lawful, inclusive, affordable, practical and implemented fairly. It will monitor the number and cost of branded items, access to second-hand uniform and supplier arrangements.

10. Concerns, requests and complaints

Families should raise uniform concerns or requests for adaptation with the class teacher or Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion in the first instance. Cost-related concerns may also be discussed confidentially with the school office or Headteacher. The school will seek a reasonable and mutually acceptable solution. Formal complaints will be managed under the school's Complaints Policy.

11. Monitoring and review

The Headteacher will review this policy annually, or sooner if legislation, statutory guidance, supplier arrangements or school circumstances change. The governing body will approve the policy and monitor its implementation.

12. Links to other policies

Behaviour Policy; Equality Information and Objectives; SEND Policy and SEND Information Report; Anti-Bullying Policy; Complaints Policy; and Health and Safety Policy.