



The Wilnecote School

Title of Policy:

Uniform Policy - Affordability and Accessibility

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School Uniform Policy – Affordability and Accessibility

1. Purpose

This policy sets out the school's approach to school uniform and ensures that our uniform requirements are affordable, inclusive, and compliant with the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act and the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms.

Our aims are to:

- Promote a sense of belonging and pride in the school.
- Ensure pupils are dressed safely and appropriately for learning.
- Minimise the financial burden on families.
- Ensure no pupil is disadvantaged because of the cost of school uniform.
- Give uniformity of appearance across the school so no pupil feels isolated

2. Principles

The school will ensure that:

- Uniform costs are kept as low as reasonably possible.
- Parents and carers are able to purchase most uniform items from a wide range of retailers.
- Branded items are limited to the minimum necessary to support the school's identity.
- Uniform requirements do not create unnecessary financial hardship.
- The needs of disadvantaged families are considered when reviewing the policy.

3. Branded Uniform

The school will comply with the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act by limiting compulsory branded uniform items to:

- **Secondary schools:** No more than three compulsory branded items, or four where one of the branded items is a compulsory school tie.

Branded items include clothing or accessories carrying the school's logo or name, or items specified in such a way that they can only reasonably be purchased from a particular supplier.

All other uniform items will be generic wherever possible and all items required can be seen on the school website. [Uniform – The Wilnecote School](#)

Branded Uniform items are

School tie - £4.40

Blazer - £34.75

Navy Blue P.E Polo Shirt - £11.75

These can be purchased from Anglia School and Sportswear. Each order from Anglia School and Sportswear has a delivery charge of £4.80 for postage and packaging so it is advisable, where possible, to order items at the same time to reduce cost.

[Anglia Sports & Schoolwear for Primary & Secondary Schools](#)

School ties can be purchased directly from the school and cost £5.25 with no delivery charge.

4. Generic Uniform

The following items should be available from supermarkets, high street retailers or other clothing suppliers:

- White Shirts and blouses
- Black School Trousers
- Black Tailored Shorts
- Black Pleated Skirt
- Plain back v neck jumper
- Plain Black Shoes

The school will avoid specifying particular brands, fabrics, styles or colours unless there is a clear educational, safety or safeguarding reason.

5. PE Kit and Specialist Clothing

Where PE kit or specialist clothing is required:

- Branded items such as the polo shirt will count towards the statutory limit on branded items.
- All other compulsory items are generic and can be purchased from supermarkets, high street retailers or other clothing suppliers:
- Further information about PE Kit can be found at [Uniform – The Wilnecote School](#)

6. Purchasing Arrangements

Where branded items are required, the school will:

- Seek value for money through competitive procurement.
- Avoid exclusive supplier arrangements unless there is a clear benefit to families.

- Review supplier pricing regularly.
- Make information about purchasing options readily available.

7. Second-hand Uniform

The school will actively support affordable access to uniform by:

- Maintaining a second-hand uniform scheme.
- Holding regular uniform exchange events where possible.
- Encouraging donations of good quality used uniform.
- Making second-hand uniform available discreetly to families.

8. Financial Support

Where families experience financial hardship, the school will:

- Signpost available financial assistance.
- Consider individual circumstances sensitively.
- Work with families to ensure that no pupil is excluded from education because of uniform costs.
- Allow reasonable flexibility while families obtain required items.

9. Equality and Inclusion

The school recognises its duties under equality legislation and will ensure that uniform requirements:

- Do not discriminate against any protected group.
- Make reasonable adjustments where appropriate.
- Take account of religious beliefs, cultural practices and medical needs.
- Consider the needs of pupils with disabilities or sensory sensitivities.

Requests for adjustments will be considered individually and fairly.

10. Reviewing the Uniform Policy

Before making any significant changes to the uniform policy, the school will:

- Assess the likely financial impact on families.
- Consult with parents, carers and governors where appropriate.
- Consider equality implications.
- Ensure any additional costs are justified by a clear educational or safeguarding need.

11. Monitoring

The Governing Body will review this policy at least every three years, or sooner if legislation or statutory guidance changes.

The Headteacher will monitor implementation and report any issues relating to affordability to governors.