

Witham St Hughs Academy and Manor Farm Academy

Policy: Uniform

Introduction

The staff and Local Advisory Board of Witham St Hughs Academy value and take pride in our school dress code and believe that school uniform nurtures a sense of belonging, in keeping with the aims and values of the academy. We therefore ask for your support in providing and encouraging the wearing of academy uniform.

At Witham St Hughs Academy, it is therefore our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event where this has been requested outside of school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion 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
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our uniform consists of:

Trousers / skirts	:	Grey or black
Shirts / Polo shirts	:	White
Shoes (not trainers)	:	Black
Jumpers / Cardigans	:	Royal Blue
Summer Dresses	:	Blue / White

P.E

As 'PE and Health' remains a core aspect of our Curriculum, pupils spend at least 2 hours of their week taking part in a sporting activity. We would ask for your support in checking your child's PE clothing so that they are suitably dressed during this time.

The School policy states that the pupils should be wearing the following items:

- White polo shirt or t-shirt
- black shorts
- Dark coloured tracksuit (children may also wear dark coloured jumpers/hoodies)
- Suitable change of footwear and socks

Footwear/ Socks and Tights

We ask pupils to wear appropriate footwear in school. we require all children to wear black shoes in school. These need to be Flat black shoes with strap or laces.

We believe that it is dangerous and inappropriate for children to wear shoes with platform soles , high heels, sling-backs or open toes. We ask that pupils do not wear these shoes to school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear and are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Socks should be in keeping with the school uniform and should be grey, black or white in colour. Tights should also be in keeping with the school uniform and no alternative colours are to be worn.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are that pupils can wear one ear stud in each pierced ear, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games.

Watches may be worn by pupils. However if the watch is one which causes a significant distraction to learning or pupil safety then we will ask for this to be removed with immediate effect.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children e.g. patterns cut into hair, extreme colours or excessive braids.

All long hair should be tied up.

Any hair accessories should be plain and not of extreme colour or design.

Other

Parents should also be aware that fake tattoos/transfers are not permitted. The school does not permit children to wear nail varnish in school.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

All items of clothing should be labelled with the child's full name.



How to purchase Uniform

Uniform can also be purchased from www.yourschooluniform.com. Via this website, uniform will be delivered directly to the academy at no extra charge, or can be delivered to your home for a small fee. The delivery time is usually within 7 working days.

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<i>Socks/Tights</i>	Black/Grey/White
<i>Footwear</i>	Flat Black shoes with a strap or laces, suitable for a busy school environment.
<i>Summer Dress</i>	Blue and White
<i>Shirts</i>	White Polo Shirt or Cotton Shirt
<i>Jumpers/cardigans</i>	Royal Blue
<i>P.E</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White polo shirt or t-shirt• black shorts• Dark coloured tracksuit (children may also wear dark coloured jumpers/hoodies)• Suitable change of footwear and socks
<i>Hairstyles</i>	Extreme hairstyles are not permitted Excessive colour is not permitted Hair to be tied back Hair accessories are to be the appropriate colour and size
<i>Accessories</i>	A maximum of 1 earring in each ear with a stud. A watch may be worn
<i>Other</i>	Nail varnish and tattoos not permitted