



# West Heath Primary School

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## School Uniform for September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for completing the recent uniform consultation feedback. Your opinions are important to us. Since the parent consultation, we have also sought the opinions of the children and staff. These consultations resulted in a range of comments and points of view to help us evaluate our uniform policy.

It is fair to say that school uniform is an important part of a school's identity; it reinforces our school community and helps allow the children to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for senior school, and indeed life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

As we begin to address the government uniform guidelines, and considering the opinions of our school community, we have made the following decisions about school uniform:

From September, the children should wear

- **School uniform:** grey skirt/trousers and school sweatshirt/cardigan with a plain white collared polo t-shirt.
- **PE uniform** on PE days and Wellbeing Wednesdays: school PE hoodie, plain black joggers/leggings, plain black sports shorts/knee-length cycling shorts and a plain white round-neck t-shirt.

- plain black school shoes or trainers
- socks or plain-coloured tights
- headscarves should be plain red, grey or black.

- Jewellery is not permitted except for small stud earrings and a watch (for those children who can tell the time).
- Make up is not permitted including nail varnish.
- Large headbands and bows are not permitted.
- School bag expectations
  - EYFS and Key Stage 1 - a book bag or drawstring bag
  - Key Stage 2 - a drawstring bag or rucksack style bag of a reasonable size.

Many of our uniform items, including: school cardigans, sweatshirts and school PE hoodies\* will be available to purchase throughout the year from Kids Essentials in Northfield. (\*We will confirm hoodie availability date by the end of next week.)

School PE hoodies will no longer have the children's names printed on the back.

We want to support you in buying affordable, good quality clothing for school, which your children accept they have to wear because the rules are very clear. We want to make it easier for parents and help reduce any issues there may be over what is and isn't acceptable uniform. We believe that this does that and also gives you lots of choice over possible suppliers for many of the items.

The school sweatshirt/cardigan and school PE hoodie are the only branded items.

We will be enforcing this new guidance when we return in September in line with our Passport to Success. We are sending this letter out now as we wanted to give parents sufficient notice. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust this information makes things clear for everyone.

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