



UNIFORM POLICY 2025-26

INTRODUCTION

It is our policy that all children are required to wear our school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIERS

Uniform and PE kit can be purchased from Whittakers online and delivered to your door, or parents can visit the shop located in Bolton. Please follow the link below to order online:

[St Mary's Deane Primary School Archives - Whittakers School Wear](#) (please note – the website is currently being updated and may contain older items of uniform).

Whittakers address: 106 Deansgate, Bolton, Lancashire, BL1 1BD.

OUR UNIFORM

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (badged or non-badged)
- Grey or black trousers, skirts, or knee length shorts (can be purchased widely)
- Pale blue polo shirt (can be purchased widely)
- **All black** footwear (shoes, boots or trainers) with **no** coloured logos or markings (can be purchased widely). **No other style or colour of shoe is accepted.**
- Blue/white check dresses (may be worn in warmer weather)
- Socks (matching and grey, black, blue or white)
- Grey, black or navy-blue (or white if paired with blue/white check dress) tights or leggings can be worn under a skirt/dress (can be purchased widely). Leggings cannot be worn without a skirt/dress unless it is a PE day.
- Book bag (badged or non-badged) for the purpose of keeping loaned reading books in good condition
- Plain black, navy blue or grey hijab (should be one colour and plain, and can be purchased widely)

PE KIT

Children from Year 2 upwards (Year 2/3/4/5/6) wear their PE kit to school on days that they have PE. Children in Reception and Year 1 wear uniform to school and change into their PE kit in their classroom on PE days (though Reception do not participate in PE until later in the academic year). Pre-school and Nursery do not participate in PE and do not need a PE kit.

- White short/long sleeve T-shirt (can be purchased widely)
- Navy blue shorts (can be purchased widely)
- Black pumps for indoor PE (can be purchased widely) that are labelled, brought in a labelled drawstring bag and stored in school (all classes).
- Plain navy blue tracksuit (joggers/leggings and hoodie) with no visible logos (badged and non-badged both acceptable, and can be purchased widely)
- **All-black** trainers (can be purchased widely)
- All PE kit brought into school in Reception and Year 1 should be labelled with the child's name and stored in a drawstring bag, including pumps.

SWIMMING

All items can be purchased widely:

- Swimming trunks or one-piece costume (not a bikini)
- Swimming cap for pupils with long hair
- Large towel
- Goggles (optional)

A one-piece sports hijab (plain black, navy blue or grey, and should be one colour and plain) that does not slip or require tying and is made from flexible, breathable fabric may be changed into for PE lessons. Pupils then change back into their usual hijab after the PE lesson.

The school will endeavour to accommodate pupils' needs wherever possible, within health and safety boundaries.

FOOTWEAR

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes/boots with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We prefer pupils to wear supportive and all-black footwear to help stay healthy/safe and maintain the school's high standard of dress.

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear studs in pierced ears only and a simple watch (no smart watches, sound effects, cameras or games). We ask the children either to remove these items during PE and games or cover ear studs with a plaster (supplied by the parent/carer) if they are still healing. Children should be able to remove studs themselves once healed.

HAIR

- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- All hair that is collar-length or longer should be tied-up with hair accessories that are simple, plain and dark in colour.
- Decorative patterns should not be cut into hair.
- Hair should not be coloured or dyed.
- Any head scarves should be either navy blue, black or grey and only worn for religious purposes.

GENERAL PRESENTATION

- Fake tattoos and transfers are not permitted.
- The school does not permit children to wear nail varnish in school.

PACKED LUNCHES

Packed lunches should be clearly labelled with the child's name and brought in a suitable container, which can be purchased widely (not loose in a rucksack). They will be stored on a packed lunch trolley/rack in a cool place.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to be supportive of the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their day. Parents/Carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean, in good repair, well-presented and clearly labelled with their child's name.

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 Headteacher.