



L.E.A.D. Academy Trust  
Lead • Empower • Achieve • Drive

# Waddington All Saints Academy Uniform Policy

## **Contents**

1. Aims.....	3
2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.....	3
3. Limiting the cost of school uniform .....	3
4. Expectations for school uniform .....	4
5. Expectations for our school community .....	5
6. Monitoring arrangements .....	5
7. Links to other policies.....	5

# 1. Aims

Waddington All Saints Academy is committed to:

- promoting equality
- ensuring value for money
- ensuring that no pupil is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background.
- committed to developing our pupils sense of belonging to our school.
- securing high standards and a culture of pride

We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. It is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

## 2. Our Academy's Legal Duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our academy will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Headteacher, via the school office, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

## 3. Limiting the Cost of School Uniform

Waddington All Saints Academy has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Limiting items with a school logo to a jumper or cardigan only
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats and bags
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items

- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and thereby minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 4. Expectations for Academy Uniform

### 4.1 Our Academy Uniform

- **must** be smart / no higher than the ankle / low heel / no decoration and closed toe)

Uniform	Purchased From	Other Notes
<b>Red sweatshirt /cardigan</b> with the Waddington All Saints Academy logo	Available from <b>Uniform Direct</b>	
<b>White</b> shirt/polo T-shirt	Available from any high street shop	
<b>Grey or black</b> trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore or red and white gingham dress	Available from any high street shop	no leggings
Plain <b>black shoes</b> or plain <b>black leather ankle boots</b>	Available from any high street shop	No brand logos or coloured shoes No trainers
<b>PE Kit</b>		
<b>Black</b> shorts (for indoor and outdoor use)	Available from any high street shop	
A <b>white</b> round neck T shirt	Available from any high street shop	
Plain <b>black</b> jumper / fleece	Available from any high street shop	No brand logos. For when weather is colder
<b>Black</b> tracksuit bottoms or leggings (for use outdoors only)	Available from any high street shop	
Trainers/plimsolls	Available from any high street shop	
<b>Options</b>		
Book Bag (Optional)	Available from any high street shop	This is not a requirement to have, and parents may choose to only use a school bag/rucksack
Earrings - where needed must be small stud earrings		Metal, one per ear. For health and safety reasons we cannot permit hoop, or drop earrings
Jewellery		No other jewellery is permitted
Make-up		No make-up, including nail varnish is permitted
Hairstyle		No extreme haircuts or colours are permitted.

### 4.2 Where to purchase uniform

- Sweatshirts or cardigans should be purchased with the logo from Uniform Direct – details can be requested from the office.
- Each term, we will offer second hand uniform for a small fee. Any uniform that is of good quality, that parents wish to donate, would be gratefully received.

## 5. Expectations for our Academy Community

### 5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- › On the school premises
- › Travelling to and from school
- › At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact their teacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

### 5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- › Clean
- › Clearly labelled with the child's name
- › In good condition

Parents are expected to make contact with the Headteacher, via the school office if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- › Their child's protected characteristics
- › The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner, in line with the complaints policy and the parent and carers code of conduct.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- › Resolved locally
- › Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### 5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. If they attend without uniform the school will lend the pupil the correct item of clothing to wear for that day or longer where appropriate. Any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy will receive the standard uniform letter and be given the opportunity to comply. This will be followed up by an appropriate member of staff in the first instance and the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by requesting the parent/carer brings in the correct uniform.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

## 6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every three years.

## 7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- › Behaviour policy
- › Equality information and objectives statement
- › Anti-bullying policy
- › Complaints policy