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Name of policy:	**Uniform**
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Frequency for review:	Annually

Next due for review:	March 2027
Changes since last review	In red

Rationale

A cornerstone of the education at North Wootton is in developing a sense of pride and togetherness within our pupils. As with any uniform, it key to feeling like you belong to the TEAM and there is an important element of this aim. However, with the increasing cost of living, a balance needs to be achieved between this and value for money for our families.

Links to other Policies

- **Positive Behaviour -** Uniform plays a vitally important aspect of Behaviour management, ensuring that there is a consistent expectation of the pupils.
- **Anti-bullying –** In ensuring all pupils are wearing the same clothing, this reduces issues of teasing and potential bullying around wealth disparities amongst our pupils.
- **Sun Safety** – North Wootton Academy is a Sun Safe School and as such we ask that our pupils wear hats during the hottest part of the year.

Role of the Parents

The school asks that parents understand the value that we place on uniform and support this through ensuring their child attends school wearing the correct uniform in accordance with this policy or inform the school as to why this is not possible so that additional arrangements can be made. The school would also ask that all uniform is clearly named and that this is reapplied termly as the ink will have often faded throughout the year.

Role of the School

The school will ensure an updated uniform policy is sent to parents annually informing them of what constitutes the correct uniform. In addition, the school will work with local providers to ensure that a quality uniform is easily available and at a competitive price. At present, all branded clothing can be acquired from **www.stratfords.com**. The school will also look to review this regularly through parent consultation with the possibility of moving on to an online service being considered to ensure prices remain competitive.

The school will also try to facilitate the selling of 'pre-loved' uniform within the school by asking for donations and selling this through the office on the first day of each month. All proceeds will directly fund the PTA.

The school will also provide a clearly marked lost property area in which any unnamed items will be placed when lost. Should parents not be able to come into school to check, they can contact the school office who will then have a look.

Role of Staff

Class teachers are responsible for ensuring pupils wear their uniform smartly throughout the day i.e. checking to ensure shirts are tucked in and correct footwear is worn.

Additional ties will be made available within each classroom to ensure that KS2 children can meet the expectation.

Set Uniform 2026-2027

- Grey or black skirt, skort, shorts, pinafore or trousers (Blue/white checked summer dress in Summer Term)
- White polo shirt (Reception – Year 2)
- White cotton blouse/shirt and school tie (Year 3 – Year 6)
- North Wootton logoed school jumper / cardigan / fleece
- North Wootton logoed blazer (Year 6 only)
- Plain black shoes that are suitable for play – we allow plain black trainers without any other colour markings or designs i.e. white trim. We also allow plain non-heeled boots but would suggest that these be light weight so not to impede the children running. Sandals, heeled and open-toed footwear are not safe for school and therefore, we would ask these to be replaced.
- A hat within the second half of summer term, preferably one that covers the neck. Children will be asked to stay in the shade without a hat.
- A coat is required in the winter and on wet days to enable pupils to play outside.

PE Clothing

- North Wootton logoed polo shirt
- North Wootton logoed hooded sweatshirt / fleece
- Black or Navy tracksuit/jogging bottoms/shorts/sports tights (plain, non-patterned, with no or little brand marking i.e. without three stripes down the side)
- Any trainers, that will keep the pupil's feet suitably dry. No studs are allowed.

Outdoor Games Clothing an additional pair of socks is recommended as these can become wet and often need to be changed particularly if not returning home straight after school. Pupils can wear additional layers under their uniform where needed and their coat if appropriate. PE will take place for KS2 planned unless there is heavy rain or the temperature is below 3 degrees.

Afterschool Clubs

Any suitable clothing can be worn for after school sports clubs, although North Wootton kit is preferred. From September 2025, we are asking that **football boots are no longer used** as these lessons will be taught on the playground or inside if it is wet.

PE Days

The school aims to continue asking pupils to attend school in their PE kits on their PE days including Reception. This decision has been made to ensure that our pupils are active for as much time as possible. However, pupils need to be wearing PE clothes as specified above or they should come in their school uniform and we will arrange for them to change at the start of their lesson.

Leaver Hoodies

Within the autumn term of Year 6, we will offer families the opportunity to buy 'leaver hoodies' that can be used instead of a branded PE hoody on PE days to remove the need to purchase further logoed items towards the end of the pupil's time at North Wootton. However, we do not allow these to be outside of PE days until after the children have finished their SAT exams in June.

Swimming

Appropriate clothing should be worn during these sessions with a one-piece swimsuit for girls and shorts/trunks for boys. Pupils will also need a swimming hat. Pupils may also wear a rash-shirt and googles if they would prefer, so long as these do not interfere with their instruction.

Jewellery

It is hazardous to wear jewellery in school, please do not send your child to school with necklaces, rings or earrings. The only exception will be a single small plain stud in each ear. No other body piercings are permitted. These should be removed on PE days or they will be covered by tape if necessary.

Watches

Watches can be worn by the children. Whilst digital sports watches are fine, these will be removed if a distraction and parents should consider the cost and likelihood of damage. Smart watches should not be brought into school if they are capable of connecting to the internet or can take pictures.

Hair

We expect all hair, that is long enough, to be tied back to prevent the spread of head lice - this is the same for boys and girls. Hair dye manufacturers state that their products are not recommended for under 16s and therefore, we would recommend against the use of any such products with primary aged children.

Make-up

Make-up is defined as "cosmetics such as lipstick or powder applied to the face, used to enhance or alter the appearance." Whilst we understand that some children are exposed to this at a young age for the purpose of dance and drama shows etc. to enhance their faces on stage, the school would be concerned if a primary-aged pupil would need to 'enhance or alter' their appearance for school. Therefore, we do not feel make-up is appropriate for the school day and we would ask that families discuss this with the safeguarding team if they felt otherwise.

Birthdays and Non-Uniform Days

On set days and a child's birthday (or a day near to it), pupils can wear clothes of their choice. However, we would ask that these still fit within what would be seen as suitable and sensible for school, most notably: not strappy shoes, heels nor sandals which are unsafe for play, nor crop tops and strappy tops (shoulder bearing) tops which are not appropriate or sun safe, and will be asked to be changed.

We appreciate that non-uniform days can be disruptive to children who need strict routine and can create unnecessary cost for families and therefore, we try to limit this as much as possible without restricting opportunities for celebration.

Therefore in the main, dress up days would consist of Open-Mindedness (Nov), Heritage Day (Feb), World Book Day (Mar) and TT Rock Festival (July). As much as possible we encourage families to be creative rather than buy new items. In addition, we have awareness days where only one item, a mismatch of items or even face-paint can be used such as Mental Health Week, Christmas Jumper Day, Comic Relief, Anti-bullying.

Pre-loved

To support with cost, the PTA run an extensive pre-loved clothing system with available stock advertised monthly and new families made aware of this on school entry. This has also extended to a preloved section for Christmas jumpers.

Summer

During the second half summer term, KS2 pupils do not need to wear a tie when the temperature reaches 21 degrees. However, we expect all children to arrive at school and that decision to be made by the class teacher. As noted, we would also ask that all pupils wear hats during this second half of the summer half-term. The school will apply a 'no-hat, no play' policy at this point in line with our Sun Safety Policy, and this includes lessons such as PE

Winter

From November to March in particular, we would ask that parents send their children to school with a coat suitable for light rain, preferably with a hood as the pupils will play outside unless the rain is heavy. Should the children not have sufficiently warm clothing, the pupils may have to stay inside to read instead of attending play.

School Provision

The school will loan items of uniform for the children for a day where children are not wearing the correct items, including hair bands. In addition, the school is able to support Pupil Premium families where the purchasing of uniform may be an issue. Finally, the school supports the PTA in advertising, pre-loved uniform at very competitive prices, through a monthly email highlighting what is in stock.