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At Whitecote Primary School, we aim to foster a strong feeling of community and belonging. We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform, as we believe it helps create a positive school identity and gives children a sense of pride in being part of our school. Our uniform is smart, practical and good value for money. It helps children feel equal, reduces distractions during lessons and supports parents and carers in setting clear expectations about appropriate clothing for school. We also believe that pupils should dress appropriately for the activities they are undertaking, including having the correct kit for P.E.

When choosing our school uniform, we have carefully followed Department for Education guidance, which stresses that uniform should be affordable and accessible for all families. Our uniform has therefore been deliberately designed so that most items can be purchased from supermarkets or high-street retailers at low cost. We keep branded items to a minimum, and any items with the school logo are optional. This allows parents and carers the flexibility to buy non-branded alternatives while ensuring a consistent, smart appearance for all children. We are committed to working with families to ensure that uniform costs do not become a barrier to attendance or participation in school life.

Our school uniform policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Encourages a feeling of belonging and identity within the school community.
- Is practical, distinctive and appropriate for school life.
- Clearly identifies children as part of Whitecote Primary School.
- Is not distracting in lessons, unlike some fashion clothing.
- Helps children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance.
- Reflects both the sense of community and the diversity that our school values.
- Is suitable, affordable and represents good value for money for most families.
- Supports and reinforces our whole-school aims and values of Inspire, Nurture and Challenge.

## School Uniform

**Boys**
Green jumper with or without logo
Green polo shirt or white shirt
Grey or black trousers (smart school trousers, not jeans or tracksuit bottoms)
Grey, black or white socks

In summer, boys may wear smart school shorts in black or grey.

**Girls**
Green cardigan/jumper with or without logo
Green polo shirt or white shirt

Grey or black trousers (smart school trousers, not jeans, leggings or tracksuit bottoms), skirt or dress
Grey, black or white socks
Plain grey, black or white tights
Plain grey or black leggings instead of tights, not instead of trousers

In summer, girls may wear green and white striped or checked dresses or playsuits. They may also wear smart, knee-length school shorts in black or grey.

**Shoes**
Children must wear sensible black shoes or trainers that are suitable for running and playing e.g. no high heels or flip-flops. The children will wear their shoes all day both inside school and outside.

**P.E. Kits**
Indoor
Plain white t-shirt
Plain black shorts

Outdoor
Plain white t-shirt
Plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms (no large logos or slogans) or shorts in warm weather
Plain black or grey tracksuit top (no large logos or slogans)
Trainers

Children come to school in their PE kit on days when they do PE so that they do not need to change.

**Code of Dress**
Our school rules require children to come to school wearing the correct uniform.
As recommended in the DfE guidance on uniform, Whitecote Primary School will carefully consider reasonable requests to vary the policy, in particular to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations.

**Jewellery**
Pupils may wear watches, but we do not believe that jewellery is suitable for the school day. Wearing jewellery at school can place children at risk of injury. Only one pair of small stud earrings and watches may be worn and are the full responsibility of the pupil. The school will take no responsibility for any loss or damage to jewellery.

Children should not wear make-up, fake tan, hair extensions, false nails or nail varnish. In the event of an accident, makeup or nail varnish can slow down diagnosis and treatment.

No jewellery is to be worn during PE lessons.

School staff will accept no responsibility for the safe keeping of watches or jewellery.

**Lost Property**
It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that all school clothing (uniform, PE kit, coats, scarves, gloves, etc) should be marked with their child's name so that it can be returned to the owner if it is lost. All lost unmarked clothing will be placed in the lost property boxes for pupils and parents to look through. The school reserves the right to dispose of unclaimed lost property if it has been in the school for a considerable time.

**Implementing and Monitoring this Policy**
All staff are responsible for implementing this policy. Pupils should be praised when they are wearing appropriate clothing.

If children wear inappropriate clothing, make-up or jewellery, the class teacher should discuss the school dress code with them. Parents may need to be contacted to request that they support school policy.

School will work collaboratively with parents to support wearing of correct uniform and as such reasonable adjustments, time given to replace damaged/unsuitable items will be given. There may be good quality, used uniform available from the school office or community liaison officer (Mrs Gillard), which can be provided for children where needed. Parents should enquire at the office or with Mrs Gillard if they require uniform on a permanent or temporary basis.

Staff should inform a member of the senior leadership team if they feel that standards of dress are deteriorating in their class.