

Schoolwear

What should my child wear to school?

We have a schoolwear policy that ensures the children wear clothing that is suitable for a day at school, while offering a degree of flexibility. Clothes should be plain, simple and hard-wearing without patterns or logos (except the school badge).

Anything purchased from the schoolwear department of a children's shop or department store should be suitable.

The following colours are acceptable:

- Trousers, shorts or skirt: navy blue or grey.
- Shirt, polo-shirt: pale blue or white.
- Jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan: navy blue.
- Socks and tights: white, navy, black or grey colours.

In the summer term, girls may wear a blue and white checked or striped dress. All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Is any uniform available at Whitchurch Primary School?

If so desired, some items of school uniform bearing the school badge can be purchased online from www.wovina.com by following these steps:

- Select Schoolwear
- From "Browse Categories" select "Whitchurch School"
- Choose and buy your desired items.

As of October 2019 there is an 'exchange only' policy on certain higher priced items so please take note of whether the item you are ordering is eligible for a refund or exchange only.

What shoes do you recommend?

All of the children in school will take part in the Daily Mile, an initiative that sees children run or jog for 15 minutes every day, during the school day, to support our efforts to get the children outside as much as possible as well as the obvious benefits from daily exercise.

For this reason, we ask that children wear a pair of plain black outdoor shoes/trainers that can be used for running around outside. Please see the attached school shoes guidance document for advice on which type of footwear would be suitable. These black outdoor shoes/trainers should be worn every day EXCEPT on the day the children wear their PE trainers to school as part of their PE schoolwear (see below).

What clothes does my child need for PE?

Each week we will ask children to come to school dressed in 'PE kit' on their set PE lesson day, as well as on any days in which they are taking part in an after school sports activity club. This will be instead of their normal uniform. This PE kit will consist of:

- Royal blue polo shirt or t-shirt – we recommend a polyester material rather than cotton as cotton items can become uncomfortable when wet
- Navy blue shorts/skorts
- Plain or minimally branded navy blue tracksuit TOP – polyester material recommended as above
- Plain or minimally branded navy blue

tracksuit BOTTOMS – polyester material recommended as above

PE trainers (a separate pair specifically for PE days, NOT the school shoe/trainers, as the PE trainers are more likely to get muddy during lessons given that some lessons take place on the village green). NO PLIMSOLLS

Our school uniform supplier, Wovina.com, have two PE items available which bear our school logo (t-shirt and tracksuit top). However, if you wish to buy something similar elsewhere that is fine.

On their PE kit days, children can choose to wear all or some of their PE kit depending on the weather. However, we would advise that your child wears all of the items to school and removes them if they become too hot during the day.

A navy blue drawstring bag with the school logo can be purchased from the Wovina website. Please do not send PE kits to school in plastic bags.

What about outer clothing?

The children should always have a waterproof coat at school as we like them to be able to go outdoors unless the weather conditions make this impossible.

A cagoule is ideal as this can be worn over a fleece in the winter and by itself at other times of the year. They are also less bulky on the cloakroom peg.

When it is cold, do make sure your child has a hat and gloves as well. Scarves should not be worn to school as they easily get hooked up on things and get in the way when the children are playing. Umbrellas should not be brought to school either.

In summertime, the children need a cotton sun hat. Please be sure your child puts on a high factor sunscreen before he/she leaves home as we cannot apply it. School logo hats with neck protection can be bought from the online shop.

We also like the children to have a named, clear water bottle at school throughout the

year. This must contain only water. Water fountains are also available around the school.

Does my child need a school bag?

The Whitchurch Primary

School book bag (also

available from Wovina) is ideal for carrying things. Rucksacks are not encouraged in Lower School because they are too bulky.

Will my child need to bring anything else to school?

Children in the Reception class will need different clothes for Forest School visits. Details will be given at the time of the visits.

Children in Key Stage 2 go swimming and need to bring costumes and a swimming hat. Goggles may be worn if your child is sensitive to chlorine but they are not recommended as they reduce visibility. Children must be able to adjust them by themselves.

What should I do if some of my child's clothing gets lost at school?

Please let the class teacher know as soon as possible if something has been lost. If schoolwear is named it usually finds its way back to its owner.

Unnamed schoolwear

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