

THE WESTGATE SCHOOL

Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School

*"The Westgate School is a community of learners where partnerships inspire success for all:
learning together – achieving excellence"*

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Model Policy	Based on DfE Guidance Sept 2021 and 2022	Model localised	No
Pupil leadership team review	Yes	Rotherly Day Nursery variations in policy	N/A

The Westgate School Uniform Policy

Principles

At The Westgate School we pride ourselves in a strong sense of community in which all pupils have a sense of belonging. Our uniform is a fundamental part of this ethos: it represents the principle that every pupil matters equally, and nobody is privileged above another. Our expectations and aspirations of every pupil is high, and we expect that pupils will treat one another with respect, kindness, equality and dignity. School uniform is symbolic of this belief. Adults in school are also required to follow a dress-code that is fit for purpose in our school.

Purchasing Uniform

Parents can purchase school uniform from either of our two suppliers, details are on the school website (necessary for standard items) as well as through our PSA. Some of our suppliers offer purchasing schemes and significant discounts on specified items for pupils who are in receipt of Free School Meals. The school also has a hardship fund to support families where finances may be stretched - please contact the school office if you would like to discuss the possibility of support.

Items of uniform which are generic can of course be purchased from high street stores or online: we do however ask that parents ensure their child's clothing is consistent with the expectations set out in the uniform specification.

The school is committed to providing at least two suppliers of specified items and will on an annual basis, review costs to ensure that best value is achieved and that a range of suppliers have been explored.

The PSA runs a uniform shop from which parents can purchase good quality, second-hand uniform. Please see our website and school communications for further details.

Expectations

The Westgate School is proud of its pupils and believes that the uniform should reflect the high standards of our learning community. Consequently, all pupils attending The Westgate School are required to wear the correct uniform (including to and from school) without exception or negotiation.

Variations

We are proud of our supportive culture that enables us to work in partnership with pupils and parents/carers in order to consider individual needs. If you would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Leader. The principles underpinning our uniform mean that we do not allow pupils to display extremes of fashion (e.g. "saggy trousers"). Extreme hair colour is any colour that is not a person's natural hair colour; haircuts below grade 2, patterns cut into the hairstyle are not permitted at any time. All items below are compulsory.

Secondary Phase Uniform Specification

Specified items: plain grey v-neck jumper with stripe around collar and school logo (must be worn from October half-term until Easter); school blazer with logo and red trim; school tie; school skirt at knee length (must look tidy e.g. not rolled up or more than 10cm above the knee -allowing for growth- by which point a replacement will be needed). Skirts must not be altered to make them shorter in length.

Generic items: white shirt suitable for a tie; plain black, or grey, ankle socks or, black or grey tights (tights are not to be worn with shorts); mid-grey trousers (either from supplier or similar high street version); mid-grey shorts (either from supplier or similar high street version).

Shoes: plain black, polishable formal style appropriate for a business environment. Sensible shoes are required for reasons of safety: ballet style, pumps, canvas, shoes with heels higher than one inch, shoes with sports branding or boots are not permitted. Trainer-style shoes are not permitted in the secondary phase.

Outdoor Clothing: Outdoor coat of plain colour only. Hoodies, leather, denim jackets and other clothing of this type must not be worn.

Other points: Hair in an appropriate style for school and must not reflect any extreme of fashion (or colour, e.g. bleaching, "dipped" colours). In the Lower School and Years 7 and 8 makeup and nail varnish are not allowed.

In Years 9, 10 & 11 makeup must be discreet (if it is noticed, it is too much), henna and other tattoos, artificial nails/nail varnish are not allowed.

Pupils may only wear one plain stud earring in each ear. Gauging/stretching and facial piercings are not permitted.

Necklaces/chains/rings/bracelets, bangles etc, are not allowed. Pupils may wear a single charity wristband.

Watches may be worn at the owner's risk – if "smart" watches are worn, they must be used in line with our policy on mobile devices.

Hats/beanies/caps must not be worn in and around school, except in extreme weather (avoiding obvious branding/fashions). These must not be worn inside the building.

PE Kit and equipment for school should be carried in a plain ruck sack. Plastic bags, carrier bags and handbags are not suitable.

PE Kit: school sports shirt embroidered with logo (black/red); Black shorts (at least to the mid-thigh in length); black leggings (¾ or full length); sports socks – white; football socks – black; school rugby shirt; black tracksuit trousers/sports sweatshirt - optional for outdoor winter activities; football boots - all pupils in Year 7 and 8, optional for Years 9-11; shin pads & gum shield for specified sports as advised by the class teacher. Optional - Westgate sports hoodie

Primary Phase Uniform Specification

Specified items: burgundy polo shirt with Westgate badge; plain grey school jumper with school logo and stripe (this is the same as the secondary phase jumper).

Generic items: Charcoal/mid-grey, pleated knee length skirt, mid-grey/ charcoal trousers/pinafore or tailored knee length shorts. Plain black tights/white ankle/knee length socks or plain grey ankle/knee length socks. Red gingham summer dress (Summer term to October half-term only). Shoes - plain black, formal style as appropriate for a school environment (no trainers or boots)

PE Kit (Year R will need this after Christmas): plain short sleeved T-shirt in designated house colour; black shorts plus plain black tracksuit bottoms; sports socks – white; trainers (not plimsolls - they do not have enough grip to be safe outside); Westgate PE bag or one of similar size (owing to limited peg space).

Additional items: a warm, water-resistant coat, a hat and gloves for colder weather and a sun hat in the summer months. Year R and Key Stage 1 pupils will need a Westgate School book bag (available from the Upper School office – specified owing to limited space on pegs); a named water bottle. Key Stage 2 pupils will need a Westgate School book bag or a Westgate School ruck sack (available from the school office – or similar bag). Year R and Year 1 we ask that pupils have a named pair of wellington boots in school for outside learning. Please name all uniform clearly.