

JOHN WOOD SCHOOL & NURSERY

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

MAY 2026

Next Review Date: May 2029

Staff should make themselves aware of all policies and amendments or updates to policies and adhere to the same, which will be made available on relevant websites and internal data and computer systems.

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Executive Summary - John Wood School & Nursery School Uniform Policy May 2026:

Purpose of the Policy

- The policy follows Department for Education guidance on affordable school uniform.
- It aims to:
 - Keep uniform costs reasonable
 - Provide value for money
 - Prevent discrimination under the Equality Act 2010
 - Clearly set out uniform expectations
- The school limits compulsory branded items and supports second-hand uniform access.

General Uniform Expectations

- All pupils are expected to wear school uniform.
- Uniform colours are purple and black.
- Branded jumpers/cardigans are preferred but not compulsory.
- Unbranded uniform can be bought from any retailer.
- Second-hand uniform is available through the PTA.
- School ties must be purchased from the school office.
- All uniform and coats should be clearly named.

Main School Uniform

Children should wear:

- Purple v-neck jumper or cardigan
- White shirt or blouse
- School tie
- Black tailored trousers or shorts
- Black skirt, pinafore or culottes
- White or black socks/tights
- Black shoes with heels no higher than 2.5cm

Optional Items

- Purple and white gingham summer dress
- Black closed-toe sandals
- Black or purple hijab/head scarf

Appearance & Footwear Rules

- Long hair must be tied back.
- The following are not permitted:
 - Make-up
 - Nail varnish
 - False nails
 - Transfers
 - Jewellery (except small stud earrings)
- High heels, flip-flops, sling backs and open-toed shoes are not allowed.
- Trainers are not considered part of school uniform.

PE Kit Requirements

Children should wear:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- White socks
- Black plimsolls or trainers

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Additional PE expectations:

- Children come to school already wearing PE kit.
- Hoodies are not permitted for PE.
- School jumper/cardigan should be worn if cold.
- Tracksuit bottoms should not be worn for gymnastics.
- Jewellery, watches and wristbands must be removed.
- Stud earrings should be covered with micropore tape.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- No commercial designer logos on clothing.
- School PE kit should be worn for competitions unless otherwise advised.

Nursery Uniform

Nursery children should wear:

- Purple jogging bottoms
- White polo shirt
- Purple sweatshirt
- White or black socks/tights
- Flat black shoes or Velcro trainers
- Suitable winter coat

Optional:

- Purple and white gingham summer dress

Mobile Phones & Valuables

- Pupils in Years 1–4 may not bring mobile phones or electronic devices.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils walking home alone may bring a phone, but it must be handed to staff for safekeeping during the day.
- Smartwatches are not permitted.

Jewellery Rules

The following are not allowed:

- Hoop or pendant earrings
- Large stud earrings
- Bracelets
- Necklaces
- Rings

Second-Hand Uniform

- The PTA provides second-hand uniform for purchase or donation.

Policy Review

- Policy updated in May 2026.
- Next formal review due in May 2029.

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This policy has been reviewed and written in line with the statutory DfE guidance October 2025 [Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK](#)

- This policy aims to:
 - Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
 - Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
 - Clarify our expectations for school uniform Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require pupils to wear 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 must 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:
- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics
- Periodically reviewing our contract with uniform suppliers to ensure we obtain best value for money
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling 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 Uniform Policy
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and 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

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Our School Uniform

All children wear uniform at John Wood School & Nursery. We believe uniform looks smart, is practical and encourages a sense of belonging. The school is proud of the excellent standard of appearance of the children and the uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible.

It is preferable to have jumpers and cardigans that have the school logo, but this is not compulsory. Unbranded uniform can be purchased from any store. Alternatively, **Price Buckland** our online uniform suppliers, have a full range of competitively priced items.

The PTA also have second hand uniform available for purchase or for a monetary donation.

Please note that school ties can only be purchased from the school office.

Please ensure all uniform and coats are named.

The school uniform colours are purple and black and consists of the following:

- Purple v-neck jumper or purple cardigan (preferable with school logo)
- White shirt or blouse (long sleeved or short sleeved)
- School tie (purchased from the school office)
- Black tailored trousers or black tailored shorts
- Black tailored skirt (knee length), or culottes or pinafore dress (knee length)
- White or black socks or white/black tights
- Black shoes – heels no higher than 2.5cm

Optional

- Purple and white gingham summer dress (knee length)
- Black sandals in summer (not open-toed)
- Black or purple hijab/head scarf

Note:

- For health and safety reasons high-heeled shoes (no higher than 2.5cm), open-toed, flip-flops or sling backs are not acceptable.
- Trainers are not part of the school uniform and we would appreciate your cooperation with this.
- Long hair should be tied back
- No make-up, nail varnish, false nails, transfers or jewellery (other than small studs in earlobes)

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P.E. Kit

For reasons of hygiene and safety, children should be dressed for P.E. as follows:

- White t-shirt (preferable with school logo)
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- White socks
- Black plimsolls/trainers (infants are encouraged to do P.E. in bare feet indoors)

Please note, hoodies are not acceptable P.E. attire. If children are cold, they should wear their school jumper or cardigan on top of their white t-shirt.

Children must come to school wearing their P.E. kit.

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name.

- Children cannot be excused from P.E. lessons unless they have a note from home or from the P.E. teacher. This note must be given to the class teacher.
- Tracksuit bottoms should not be worn for gymnastics
- Children should remove jewellery, watches and wristbands before participating in any form of physical activity. Children with stud earrings should cover them with micropore tape before a P.E. lesson.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Clothing with commercial designer logos is not permitted.
- When children represent the school at competitions, the school P.E. kit should be worn unless otherwise notified.

Nursery Uniform

All children are expected to wear a uniform that they can manage themselves in Nursery.

- Purple jogging bottoms
- White short sleeve polo shirt
- Purple sweatshirt (preferable with school logo)
- White or black socks, white or black tights
- Flat black shoes or trainers with Velcro (no laces)
- Any suitable winter coats

Optional

- Purple and white gingham summer dress

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Valuables

We ask parents/carers' co-operation in ensuring that a child's personal belongings brought to school are kept to a minimum. Watches are worn at a child's own risk.

Pupils in Years 1-4 are not permitted to bring mobile telephones or electronic devices to school. Pupils in Year 5 or 6 who walk to school alone are permitted to bring a mobile telephone to school, but this must be handed to the relevant staff member in Year 5 or 6, where they will be locked away safely during the day.

All articles of clothing should be named and checked occasionally to see that names are still visible.

Jewellery

Pendant/hoop earrings, large stud earrings, bracelets, necklaces and rings should not be worn at any time in school. Watches may cause injury and should not be worn during any Physical Education lesson. Smart watches are not permitted.

Monitoring and Implementation Policy

The policy is reviewed every three years, although the Trust may vary or amend it periodically to ensure that we fulfil our obligation around the School Uniform Policy. All proposed changes to this policy would be made following the approval from the Committee.

	Name	Date
Policy written by	Headteacher/Principal	May 2026
Review by Committee	Local Governing Board	May 2026
Agreed by Governing Board	Local Governing Board	October 2026
To be reviewed every three years		
Review by	May 2029	

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